

The Grounds and Hall

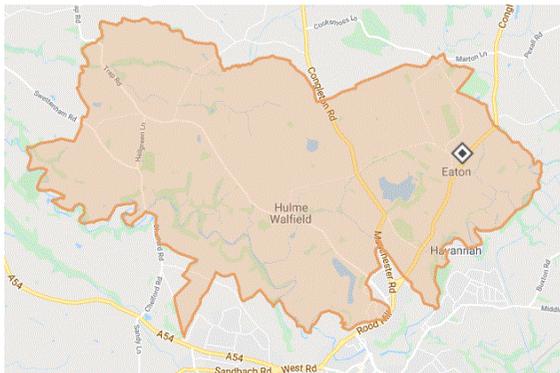
The original vicarage was in the grounds of the church and this area remains important as the site of many events particularly the annual garden party.

The original stable block was converted into the Parish Hall many years ago and following recent efforts by a committee of interested parties was recently refurbished and extended. This facility is well used by many groups associated with the church and the village community.

Trees

A Yew Tree campaign was conducted at the time of Archbishop Robert Runcie. Details of the yew in the grounds were submitted and based on information provided a certificate was returned giving the age of the tree as approximately three hundred years – much older than the church. Also in the grounds is a cedar of Lebanon of a similar age. Both are protected by tree preservation orders.

Ecclesiastical Parish Boundaries



The future

The extensive housing building programme at present taking place in our parish creates challenges for the future for a transition from a small village community to a much larger and more diverse population. These challenges and opportunities will be met with confidence and optimism for the future of our lovely church.

The Parish of Eaton with Hulme Walfield
in the Diocese of Chester

Christ Church Eaton



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Welcome to our Church

Christ Church Eaton is located in the delightful village of Eaton on the A536 between Congleton and Macclesfield.

It was consecrated on 1st December 1857 from a design by Raffles Brown of Liverpool at cost of £1400. Many local donors contributed to the cost.

Inside our Church

The interior of the church is fitted up with pitch pine seats and doors, stained and varnished. The chancel stalls are finished with carved poppy heads. The timbers of the roof are of red deal.

The font is of Caen stone from a design by the architect. The bowl is supported by four carved clusters representing the oak, ivy, water lily and jessamine (jasmine) upon an octagonal shaft, resting upon a plinth inlaid with Minton's tiles.

The communion rail and tracery, and the outer doors are all of the best foreign oak and were gifts of the Antrobus family together with the pulpit.

The present organ was purchased in 1939 from Brereton Hall at a cost of £230.

Hatchment

On the wall of the tower is a funereal hatchment bearing the arms and crest of the Antrobus family.

Bells

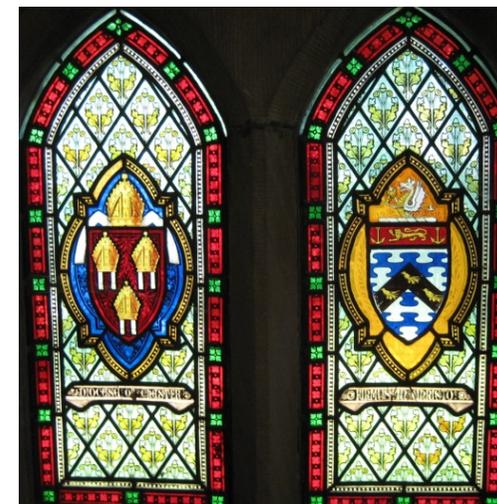
The church possesses a ring of three bells situated in the tower and are accessible from the outside by means of a spiral staircase. The bells consist of a Tenor and second 1876 by John Taylor, Loughbough, and Treble 1815 by William Dobson, Downham Market. These are still rung on special occasions.

The Windows

There are many fine examples of stained glass windows. Of particular note is the East Window which was based on a design by one of the Masonic subscribers and several Masonic ideas can be observed. This work was carried out by Messrs Edmundson & Son of Manchester. The inscription reads "Dedicated to the Glory of Christ the Lord by the Freemasons of Congleton, Macclesfield and Crewe AD 1857".



West Window



Window in Vestry

Rood Beam and Reredos

The Rood Beam and Reredos were erected AD 1946 by the bequest of Anna Maria Cumberlidge who died 15.4.1944 aged 82 years.

War Memorials

A brass plaque on the front right of the nave are memorials to Hugh Cecil Antrobus and Charles Alexander Antrobus both killed in 1915 in the First World War. Outside the church close to the south door stands the War Memorial dedicated to the men of Eaton who lost their lives in two world wars.