

Pitcairn Chapel

This chapel, to the North side of the Chancel, was founded in 1460 by the Booth family of the Manor of Barton on Irwell. Rich and talented they produced a number of prominent churchmen including:

William Booth, Archbishop of York 1452 - 1464

John Bothe, Bishop of Exeter 1465 - 1478

Laurence Booth, Archbishop of York 1476 - 1480

Charles Booth, Bishop of Hereford 1516 - 1535

In 1548 its use as a Catholic place of worship was suppressed. However, in 1576 it passed to another local Catholic family, the de Trafford's, who are thought to have used it as a Catholic place of worship adjacent to the now Protestant main church, perhaps using a separate entrance through the current vestry!



Originally called the Jesus Chapel it was renovated and renamed in 1943 following a bequest by the daughter of Canon Pitcairn (vicar 1861 - 1892) who was responsible for the extensive rebuilding of the Chancel in 1861.



