

St Martin, Sandford St Martin

Sandford St Martin was known simply as "Sandford" until about 1884 when the suffix, from the church dedication, was added to distinguish it from Sandford on Thames and Dry Sandford in Abingdon.

The village is centred on a former ford on Tyte brook, a tributary of the River Dorn.

Interesting features of this 13th century church include

- the John Piper lancet window (showing St Martin dividing his cloak to share with a poor beggar)
- the Norman font
- several fine hatchments
- a panel displaying the Royal Arms of Queen Elizabeth I dated 1602, before the uniting of the Kingdoms of England and Scotland, which is at the back of the chancel arch.



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Ledwell Road, Sandford St Martin, Oxfordshire, OX7 7AH



The Norman font



Arms of Queen Elizabeth I

The church of St Martin serves both the village of Sandford St Martin and the hamlet of Ledwell (which has no church of its own, although the stones of the former church are probably scattered amongst the buildings of the village).