

St Mary Magdalene, Duns Tew

Situated in the centre of the village of Duns Tew, not far from the Village Hall, the church of St Mary Magdalene is built of honey-coloured Hornton stone.

The building dates from the 12th century, from which period the font and one Early English Gothic lancet window in the chancel survive. The north aisle was added late in the 13th or early in the 14th century. The arcade of pillars with carved heads is 14th Century. The tower, south porch and many of the present windows were added late in the 14th or early in the 15th century. The tower collapsed in 1647, damaging the south side of the church, which was rebuilt in 1664–65. In 1861–62 Sir George Gilbert Scott completely rebuilt the chancel and north aisle and partly rebuilt the south wall of the nave. Much of the interior is Victorian following a restoration in the 19th century.



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The lych-gate at the entrance to the churchyard was built to commemorate the year 2000 - it also serves the community as a bus shelter!

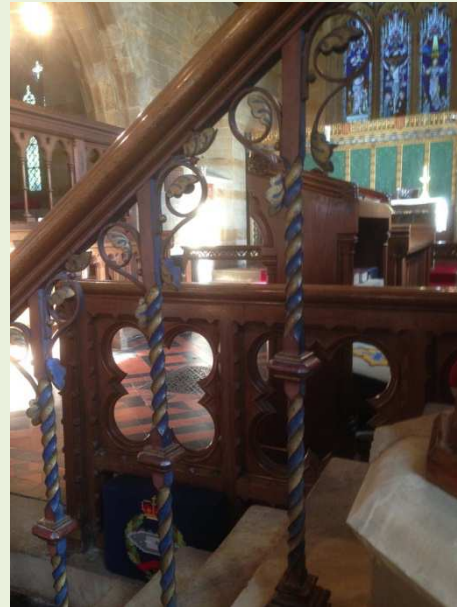


The tower has a ring of five bells. Richard Keene of Woodstock cast the second bell in 1668 and the third bell in 1694. Matthew III Bagley of Chacombe, Northamptonshire cast the tenor bell in 1768. Robert II Wells of Aldbourne, Wiltshire cast the treble bell in 1790. Charles and George Mears of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry cast the fourth bell in 1858. St Mary Magdalene's has also a Sanctus bell cast in 1828 by Thomas II Mears of Whitechapel.

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Duns Tew aisle



The pulpit steps and decorative carving



Church fete scarecrow competition



View from the tower



The Rector's induction, Oct 2018, with the Bishop of Dorchester



Revd Jane Wright at the lectern