

St Edward the Confessor, Westcote Barton

The church of St Edward the Confessor is the smallest of our churches ~ and the parish is the smallest of the parishes.

Westcote Barton (also Wescot Barton or Wescott Barton), is contiguous with the village of Middle Barton and the neighbouring parish of Steeple Barton.

By the 11th century there was an Anglo-Saxon stone church at Westcott Barton, originally dedicated to St Edmund the Martyr. The dedication was changed from St Edmund to St Edward the Confessor in 1238.

Between 1180 and 1189 Alexander of Barton gave the church to the Benedictine Eynsham Abbey. In 1538, in the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the Abbey surrendered all its property to the Crown, which in 1557 sold the advowson of Westcott Barton to a secular buyer.

In 1855–56 the church was restored; and the Vicar at the time (Rev EL Lockyer) painted the screen and the decorated patterns on the chancel and aisle arches.

The tower has three bells, notable for being moved by half-wheels.



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