



## Welcome

It is not known when St. John the Baptist Church, Eastnor was built but the tower is believed to be 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>. and 14<sup>th</sup> Century. The rest of the Church was rebuilt in 1851-2 by Sir George Gilbert Scott who also designed the Grand Midland Hotel at St. Pancras Railway Station and the Albert Memorial in London.

## 1 FONT

There is a **lamb** and a **pelican with her chicks**.

The boat is **Noah's Ark**. Did you notice the storm clouds ?

Baptism is the way people become members of the Church and a font is often near the entrance of a church because people being baptised are at the start of their spiritual journeys. At baptism water from the font is sprinkled on the forehead to signify the washing away of sins. This font was designed by George Gilbert Scott and was given by the Village to celebrate the new building.

The other font is **near to the Mortuary Chapel**. It is very old and was found under the floor when the church was rebuilt.



## 2 PULPIT

There are **5** steps.

**It is high so that the priest is able to be heard and seen from all over the Church.**

**St. Peter (petrus)** → **keys**

**St. John (Iohanus)** → **book**

**St. James (Iacobus)** → **scroll**



## 3 PULPIT WINDOWS

These two windows were donated in memory of Reginald Somers Cocks M.C. and Nigel Drummond. When you visit the Mortuary Chapel notice the wooden cross which marked Reginald Somers Cocks' grave in Belgium where he died in the First World War. The other Saints on this window are

St. Hubert     St. Luke     St. George     St. John     St. Francis     St. Mark

It is **Sir Galahad**. In legend he is considered to be the most pure and noble of the knight of the Round Table.

## 4 ALTAR

**The cloth is purple at advent : 4 weeks before Christmas and lent, 40 days before Easter; white at festivals associated with Jesus, that is Christmas and Easter; Red for Palm Sunday and Pentecost and green at other times.** On the reredos is written **GLORIA**, which means Glory to God ; **IHS**, the sacred monogram, which is an abbreviation of the Greek word IESOUS for Jesus. This also appears on the font ; **CARITAS**, which means love for all.

The cross is made of **wood** and the detail is called marquetry. It was a memorial made by a gifted craftsman who had been a prisoner of war in Eastnor

## 5 TILES

There are **three** different colours of clay.

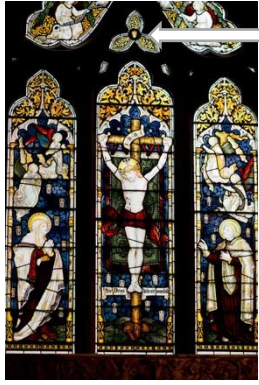
## 6 EAGLE

The eagle is a lectern **in front of the pews** and has a Holy Bible on it. Eagles are thought to be the bird that can fly the highest and so nearest to the heavens. Sometimes the eagle is a symbol for St. John the Baptist.

## 7 ORGAN

There are **23** pipes and they are made of spotted metal. This is a mixture of lead and tin and the spots develop on cooling because lead and tin have different melting points. The organ was originally installed in 1867 and was enlarged and moved in 1920 in memory of a young pilot, **Cuthbert Rowden M.C.**, killed in the First World War. It was moved again in **2004** in memory of Jonathan Wells who died in **1999**.

## 8 EAST WINDOW



Wheat sheaf



Wheat sheaf with tower

There is a **wheat sheaf with a tower superimposed on it**. After the death of C. E. Kempe, his cousin Walter Tower took over the business and added his mark, a picture of a tower. The feathers of the angel wings might have come from a **peacock**. Peacocks are also typically used symbols of the glass designer Kempe and can be seen in other churches.

## 9 PILLARS

**No**, the pillars are not all the same shape. Most of the pillars are **octagonal**, but one is **round or cylindrical** with what are called trumpet scallops. When the Church was rebuilt in Victorian times some of the old stones were re-used. Some of the pillars and the arch to the front door are from the old Church and so are round, the shape that was fashionable when it was first built. The marks of the axes can be seen around the front door arch. Later, chisels were used.

## 10 ANGEL

She is holding a **flower**.



## 11 MORTUARY CHAPEL

Charles Somers Cocks was born on 14<sup>th</sup> July **1819** and died on 26<sup>th</sup> September **1883**. He was **64** when he died. The tomb was made by J.E. Boehm.

## 12 WAR MEMORIAL

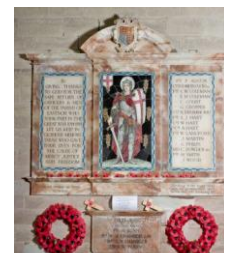
First World (or Great ) War **1914-1919**

Second World War **1939-1945**

**16 men died in the First World War**

**4 men died in the Second World War**

**Three brothers from the Hart family were killed and two brothers from the Coleman family.**



## 13 TOWER

There are **6 ropes**, one for each bell and one that switches off the clock chimes whilst the bells are being rung.

**The ropes have a fluffy part to make it easier to grip them.**

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 a peal of **5040** Plain Bob Minor was rung.

It took **2 hours 38 minutes**.

