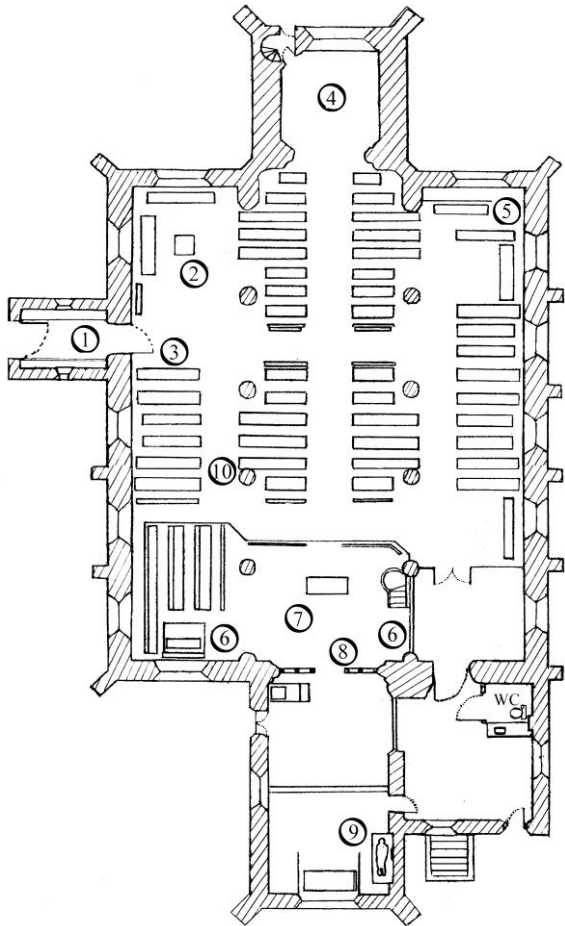


A Walk Around St Nicholas Church

Welcome to St. Nicholas' Church.

Here Christian worship has taken place from earliest times. The tower, dating from the 14th century, stands as a beacon in the surrounding countryside, and houses a peal of 8 bells which summon all to prayer and worship.

Please feel free to look around the church. You may find it helpful to follow the plan below.



1. If you return to the porch you will see the **Norman doorway**, with typical chevron decoration. Back inside, above the door are the **Royal Arms of King George III**. These were placed in Church of England churches to show that the monarch was the Governor of the Church of England. Due to changes in the design they can be dated to between 1801 & 1813.

2. The **Font** dates from 1848. It is by the door to remind us that baptism is one of the first steps on the Christian journey. Traditionally, fonts have eight sides to show that heaven (represented by a circle) and earth (represented by a square) were brought together through Christ.

The **Stained Glass Window** nearby commemorates a 50th Wedding Anniversary and shows a Baptism and a Confirmation Service (where adults renew their baptism vows and are welcomed as full members of the Church).

3. The **Dutch Delftware Plaque** commemorates the hospitality of the Churches of Codsall to the Dutch Army who were encamped nearby at Wrottesley Park between 1940 and 1947. It was presented by the Dutch Churches in 1950.

4. The **Bell Tower** dates from the 14th century and houses eight **Church Bells**, four of which were originally cast in 1637 and 1638. There is still an active group of bellringers. Please contact Phil Murphy (01902 372319) if you are interested.

The **Clock** was installed in about 1850. It is made by Dent and Co Ltd, who was also the maker of Big Ben.

A charitable fund, drawn from the list of donations shown on the Board, called the **Codsall Charities**, is still administered by the Church.

5. Most of the **Stained Glass Windows** were installed between 1868 and 1899 and commemorate people who contributed to the life of the Church. The **North West Window** was installed in 1977 and shows Christ returning in glory. The rainbow is a symbol of God's promises to us and is over a picture of the church.

6. The present **Pipe Organ** was installed in 1927.

7. The **Stage and Forward Altar** were both installed in 2000 to make the services more accessible. As you can see by the instruments nearby, music is an important part of our diverse services. If you are interested in singing in the choir please contact Graham Street (01902 842184), or if you would like to play a musical instrument at the 11:15 am service, please contact Phil Harper on 01902 847786.

8. The **Chancel Screen** was erected in 1913. It was carved by Gertrude Barr, the daughter of the Vicar, Reverend Charles Barr, who designed it. We are told that 'many nights she was working on it till 1.00am'. Charles Barr also established the Parish Magazine and erected the nearby Parish Rooms.

9. The **Wrottesley Tomb** shows Walter Wrottesley in armour. On the front, his five children are shown kneeling in prayer, His two wives are represented by shields. Walter was buried in 1630 and was the grandson of the Walter Wrottesley who took over the lands and responsibilities of the Collegiate Church of Tettenhall in 1549, including Codsall Church, as part of the Reformation. The Wrottesley family are still joint patrons of the Church and are consulted over the appointment of new Vicars.

There is often a prayer focus at the high altar nearby, underneath the East Window.

10. You are very welcome to stop at our **Prayer Corner** and light a candle as a sign of your prayer. You can also leave a request for prayer on the prayer board.



Thank you for visiting our church. If you would like more information on any subject please ask a steward, if there is one present. There is a toilet, with disabled access, in the Vestry.

If you would like to buy any prayer cards or books, please leave the money in the place indicated.

We hope that you will leave the church refreshed and inspired and will one day be able to return.

For more information on our activities, please visit our website: www.stnicholascodsall.org.uk

Sunday Services

We have a variety of services each Sunday. You are very welcome to join us.

8.00 am Holy Communion

A quiet said service using the 1662 Prayer Book. A time for quiet reflection, lasting around 30 minutes.

9:30 am Parish Communion

A modern Communion service with a wide range of hymns, led by our robed choir and organ, lasting around an hour.

11:15 am All age Service

A more informal service with modern hymns and a music group, lasting around 50 minutes and enjoyed by children and adults alike.

6:30 pm Evensong

A service from the 1662 Prayer Book with hymns, lasting around 50 minutes.

A reflective **Healing and Wholeness Service** is held at this time on the first Sunday of the month.

Midweek Services

Daily Prayer

9.00 am Monday - Friday, for about 20 minutes.

Prayer Time

7.00 pm on Mondays. Fifteen minutes of quiet, led prayer (except Bank Holidays).

10:15 am Thursday Communion

A quiet, reflective service.

An **Enquiry Evening** is held every Monday (except Bank Holidays) between 7:30 to 8:15 pm.

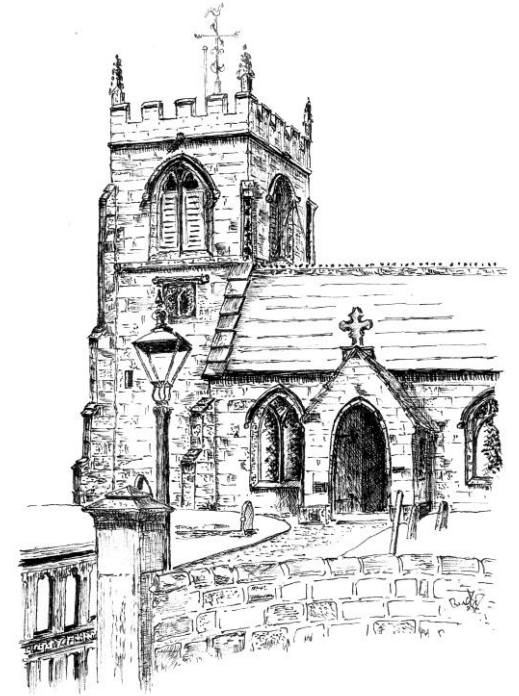
This is a time for enquiring about baptisms and weddings.

The **Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 1.00pm.
Telephone 01902 847786.

May The Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



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