

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SPRATTON

Over the years repairs to St Andrew's Church have been paid for with the help of the Friends of St Andrew's Church and, for example, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Northampton Historic Churches Trust and the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Please walk round and look at our Church. You may be interested in the following.

- The BELL TOWER was begun in 1195 AD. "The crowning glory of the church."
- The Norman DOORWAY in the tower. The tower is the oldest part of the present church. It was restored and new bells hung in the 1980s.
- The SOUTH AISLE was added in the 14th century. Notice how the arches here are pointed whereas the older NORTH AISLE arches are rounded.
- The 13th century FONT and PLAQUE commemorating the baptism of Amphyllis Twigden, the great-great grandmother of George Washington, first President of the United States of America.
- The CHANCEL was added in the early 16th century and contains a fine alabaster tomb of Sir John Swinford, a 14th century knight who fought in the French wars with the Black Prince and John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. Sir John was Lord of the Manor of Spratton and died in 1371.
- The vestry is a former CHANTRY CHAPEL where prayers were said for the souls of the dead.
- There is a 14th century CHURCHYARD CROSS outside the South Door.
- The WAR MEMORIAL in the churchyard commemorates the young men of Spratton who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars, including Lieutenant W B Rhodes-Moorhouse VC, RFC, the first airman to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

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