

THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WINTERTON [the Building]

- Late C11:** Lower section of tower and nave [possibly after 1086 and built by **Hugh d'Avranches** [Huge Lupus], first Norman Earl of Chester, the principal landowner in Winterton when the Domesday Survey was taken, and a great church builder in the days of his old age and penitence, who died in 1101]. Tower may or may not post-date nave by a few years.
- c1200:** Original tower had new bell chamber added on top [when old double-bell chamber abandoned].. Aisles probably added to flank tower c1200 though may be c1245.
- c1245:** Transepts probably added though chancel must be late C13.
- c1300:** the South doorway and the Aisles west windows added
- mid-C14:** Transept end windows
- 1563:** Rood-loft taken down and forms and seats made thereof
- c1566:** much of church furniture destroyed ["putting awaie of all papistrie"].
- 1642-1660:** Civil War led to the church being 'in such a state of Decay that for many years after ye Restoration there was scarce either a bit of glass in ye windows or of Lead upon ye Roof or any good timber about it. It lay almost open to all Storms, so that if either Rain or snow fell ye congregation were sure to suffer thereby'.
- 1663:** New font provided for church [but since given away].
- c1690:** Major repairs by Thomas Place: '.....in a few years all its Breaches and Crannies were mended, its Roof most of it cover'd with new Timber and Lead, its windows new glaz'd its floors new layd, its old seats turn'd into Oak Pews, its walls beautify'd, its Bells new Cast, and its Yard made Level, Handsome, and Neat, and most of this at his own proper costs and charges, so that it is now one of ye most Beautiful Churches in ye Country'. This gave the church two new bells and a lead roof of very low pitch though an earlier roof had a much higher pitch.
- 1734:** Five bells were re-cast out of the previous six bells
- 1754:** The singing Gallery was erected at west end and probably tower arch blocked.
- 1790:** The Church was re-roofed.
- 1825:** Agreed to make surface drain around the church. And to complete South vestry.
- 1827:** Fresco figures discovered between East windows of South Transept but at once destroyed.
- 1834:** New clock was erected. It was made in Winterton.
- 1840:** First organ erected. It was made by Beeforth and Corbett of Hull. Previously there had been an instrumental and vocal band in the Gallery. Recess made for organ in tower wall [above arch?].
- early C19:** large charcoal stove, with 'unsightly' chimney pipe passing through the centre of the roof, placed in Lady Boynton's square curtained pew. The stove later removed to the north transept.
- 1844:** Internal accommodation increased by 220 additional seats. Arches made at west end of each aisle where square doors were before, to provide for boys on one side and girls on the other. The southern side had been a vestry while the northern one was used as a lumber place. Both had been used as a school for day boys. A new vestry was also built against the Chancel.
- 1844:** Picture presented [the Nativity by Raphael Mengs]; new Table of Commandments made [fragment in North Vestry]
- 1847:** A new window fitted in memory of William Christopher Smith, son of the Vicar.
- 1850:** Churchyard wall re-built, with Iron palisades.
- 1869:** Chancel re-floored with Minson's tiles in the middle, and pitch pine seats put in. These were first used as private pews.
- 1870:** Sir Gilbert Scott prepared plans for restoring church but not carried out under his direction.
- 1872:** The church was re-opened after extensive alterations. The chancel roof was lined and encased with varnished deal, church re-seated with pitch pine, Organ rebuilt and placed in the North Transept. A boiler and hot water heating pipes fitted. West Gallery taken down and Tower arch and the opening above it were opened out and repaired. Columns in nave had surfaces hacked off.
- 1874:** Memorial Window fitted in South transept. Clock chamber re-floored.
- 1875:** Churchyard burials ceased. Work on Cemetery and chapels begun and completed 1876.
- 1877:** Organ front decorated. West ends of aisles re-floored and re-seated.
- 1879:** The clock face was re-coppered and re-gilded. South Transept window re-glazed with Cathedral glass
- 1880:** Churchyard wall refaced in white brick.
- 1885:** Organ moved from North Transept to new chamber by making an arch to the vestry. New painted glass placed in Chancel window.
- 1892:** Tower re-roofed.
- 1897:** New iron safe purchased for vestry.

- 1899:** Treble bell and tablet presented, and Processional Cross given.
- 1902:** New North transept windows fitted.
- 1903:** Major alterations to church including tower pinnacles, nave clerestory, higher pitched roof and repairs to Chancel gable.
- 1905:** Chancel screen erected in memory of Dr. Thomas Fowler, D. D., late of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. The screen has five panels of fumed oak, with tracery above one cornice beautifully carved with inscription, "in His temple doth every man speak of His honour."
- 1906:** New font and churchyard cross dedicated.
- 1911:** Reredos and tower screen supplied.
- 1913:** New Pulpit, Litany Desk, Eagle Lectern [replacing oak lectern presented in memory of Miss Louisa Wilks in 1872] and painted glass in East and NW window of Chancel dedicated.
- 1919:** Clock face repaired and re-gilded
- 1920:** Drains in the Churchyard were re-laid and connected into the main drains ..
- 1921:** The foundations of the church were exposed, cleaned and pointed.
- 1948:** Bell frame renewed [space for 8 bells; houses 6].
- 1952:** Original medieval font, in garden at Gilby House, returned to church.
- 1955:** Churchyard given over to Town Council for maintenance.
- 1957:** Churchyard in process of being levelled and grassed.
- 1960:** Gas heating installed.
- 1967:** Town War Memorial re-sited to churchyard.
- 1972:** Reredos altered [in memory of Bernard Freeman]. Alterations to internal lighting [bequest of late Mrs Simpson].
- 1973:** Tower Clock repainted and gilded by Winterton Town Council.
- 1982:** South Transept window mullions replaced and porch walls re-pointed after plaster removed.
- 1986:** Porch gates fitted.
- 1987:** Elizabethan altar placed in North Transept.
- 1989:** East end of Nave floor raised to coincide with introduction of a nave altar.
- 1990's:** External steel grilles fitted to large lower level windows.
- 2000:** Repairs to South Transept roof.
- 2001:** Formation of Parish Room by screening west end of South Aisle; ramp to allow disabled access from South Porch.
- 2001:** Internal decoration of church.
- 2006:** Internal decoration of belfry.
- 2008:** North Aisle re-roofed with new slates and screens fitted to clerestory windows.

Church Institute: [located in High Street] Mrs. Clark, of Winterton Hall, died Sept. 9th, 1904. She had the Church Institute built for social gatherings in connection with the Church. The Institute was sold in 1988 due to high repair costs.

Based on data from

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