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1839-1841 Christ Church was built

The people on the north side of Bradford-on-Avon wanted a church at the top of the hill.

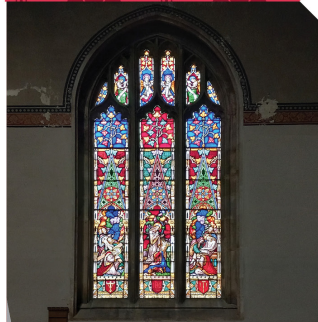
Celebrating the rich heritage of Christ Church through a timeline of key historical events

1843 The spire was added

This was not on the original plan and is now the highest point in town.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mount Pleasant Centre was the original Christ Church school building.



1876-1878 The new chancel was consecrated

This was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, whose other works include St. Pancras Station. What can you see in the chancel?

1863 The church clock was installed

The total cost of the clock was £175 which was raised by subscriptions.

1857 The oldest stained glass window

Made by William Warrington, this has the most vivid colours of all the windows, and is the oldest remaining stained glass window in the church.

1881 The interior of the church was decorated

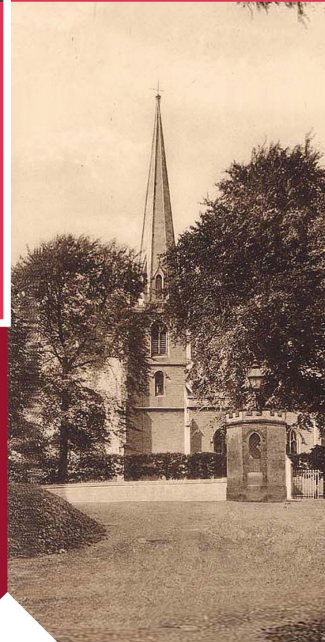
This was carried out by Burlison & Grylls under the direction of J.O. Scott (son of Sir George Scott) and much of this decoration still remains.

1917 The Lady Chapel was constructed

Mrs Moulton offered a lady chapel in memory of her son, Charles, who died in World War I.

1923 A peal of eight bells were hung

These were presented by General and Mrs. Palmer. To celebrate the centenary the bell ringers are planning to ring a peal.



2022 Discover Christ Church!

Following community consultation that began in 2019, Discover Christ Church! was born.

2008 Film production

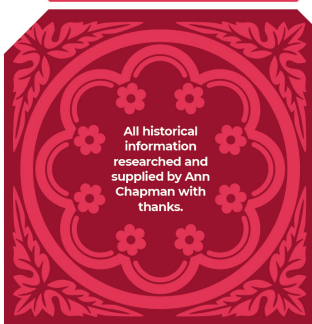
The interior of the church was used for as scene in the film, Creation, starring Paul Bettany as Charles Darwin.

DID YOU KNOW?

All of the windows in the church were originally made of plain glass.

1926 Nave walls were repainted

Gower and Stephens of Trowbridge repainted part of the Nave walls with a red/black border and a light/dark blue border. Can you spot this in the building?

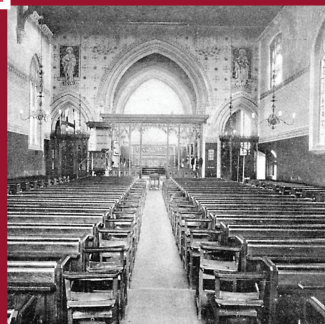


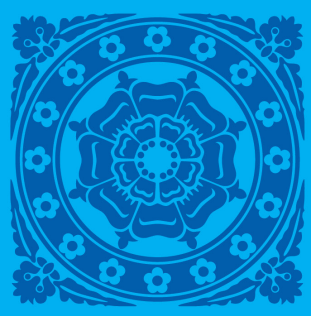
All historical information researched and supplied by Ann Chapman with thanks.



1988-2000 Bespoke kneelers were made

Dorna Daw co-ordinated a group of 44 embroiderers to make 222 bespoke kneelers for the church. These are still in use today.



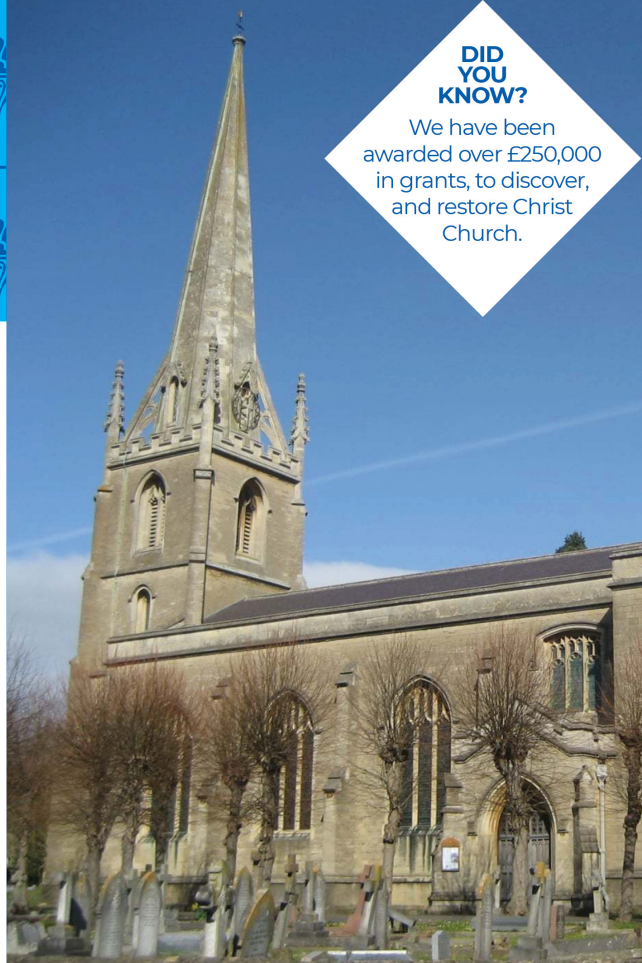


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DID YOU KNOW?

We have been awarded over £250,000 in grants, to discover, and restore Christ Church.



A community project to explore, restore and celebrate Christ Church's rich Victorian heritage



Discover and explore

It will deliver an inclusive programme of activities, workshops and events inspired by the history and restoration of Christ Church.

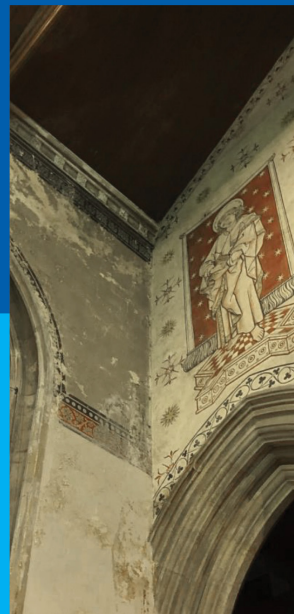
Consultations with our local community and schools indicated a strong desire to see the wall paintings and spire clock restored as well as an appetite to discover more about this historic building.

Celebrate and restore

Christ Church is a beautiful grade 2* listed building but time has taken its toll.

Discover Christ Church! will:

- Restore our damaged spire and clock to their former glory.
- Conserve and clean the peeling nave walls and paintings.
- Install energy efficient lighting.
- Enhance the biodiversity of the churchyard.
- Host events to celebrate the restoration of our heritage.



Meet the team

Becky and Gillian very much look forward to working with you on this exciting project.



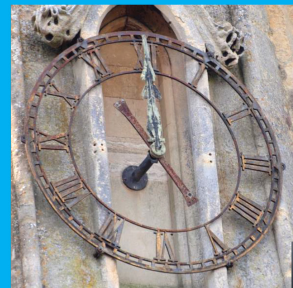
Gillian Ellis-King
Project Co-ordinator

Gillian will be leading on project management and liaison with our generous grant funders.



Becky Strike
Community Outreach Project Officer

Becky will be working closely with the community to help deliver this exciting project.



With grateful thanks to our funders



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THE FUTURE

What would you like to discover at Christ Church?

Community input

Both schools and BoA Youth want young people to play a meaningful role in designing a heritage inspired programme of events, activities, workshops to Discover Christ Church!

Year 5 from Christ Church School were invited to have a go and explore what they thought might be hiding under the paint and gave us their ideas as to how we could improve the biodiversity in the churchyard.

Share your ideas

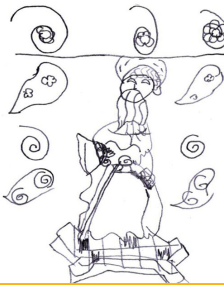
We would love to hear what you think!

We want to design this exciting programme of events with as many local people as possible, to discover, explore, promote and celebrate Christ Church's physical and social heritage.

Please add any ideas for workshops or events to our board. What would you like to discover?

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a sister project, Future for Christ Church? Ask us to find out more.



Want to get involved?

If you would like to know more about the project, share your skills and ideas, or get involved, please complete a postcard provided and post them in the box.

You can email the team any time at admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk

