

Lenten Journey 2017

Visiting churches and meeting fellow Christians around the Diocese of Worcester, during Lent 2017.

2: Eckington.



Martin is greeted by Revd Canon Susan Renshaw, Rural Dean of Pershore, outside Holy Trinity Church, Eckington. Behind them is the Norman west doorway. Susan was curate in Gornal and Sedgley 2002-2006.

Having first been to St Giles, Bredon, we arranged to meet **Revd Canon Susan Renshaw** at 1pm at the church where she is vicar – **Holy Trinity, Eckington**. Susan has a great many other responsibilities, including being **Rural Dean of Pershore**. In Gornal and Sedgley we have a connection with her, as she was curate here from 2002-2006.

Holy Trinity Church is more than 800 years old. The tower houses the bell chamber; the first bells were installed in 1552.



Holy Trinity, Eckington is over 800 years old.



The oldest part of the nave is Norman (about 1150). The pews date from 1933. The nave roof dates from the 15th century and is made of oak.



A north aisle was added in 1831 – it's a very useful space which is used for many church activities.



The most impressive memorial is that of John Hanford, his wife Anne, their ten children and three stepchildren – it's situated in the chancel. John Hanford built Woollas Hall on Bredon Hill.



John and Ann's 13 children are depicted on the bottom of the memorial which dates from 1620. Woollas Hall was built in 1611 and has now been converted into apartments.



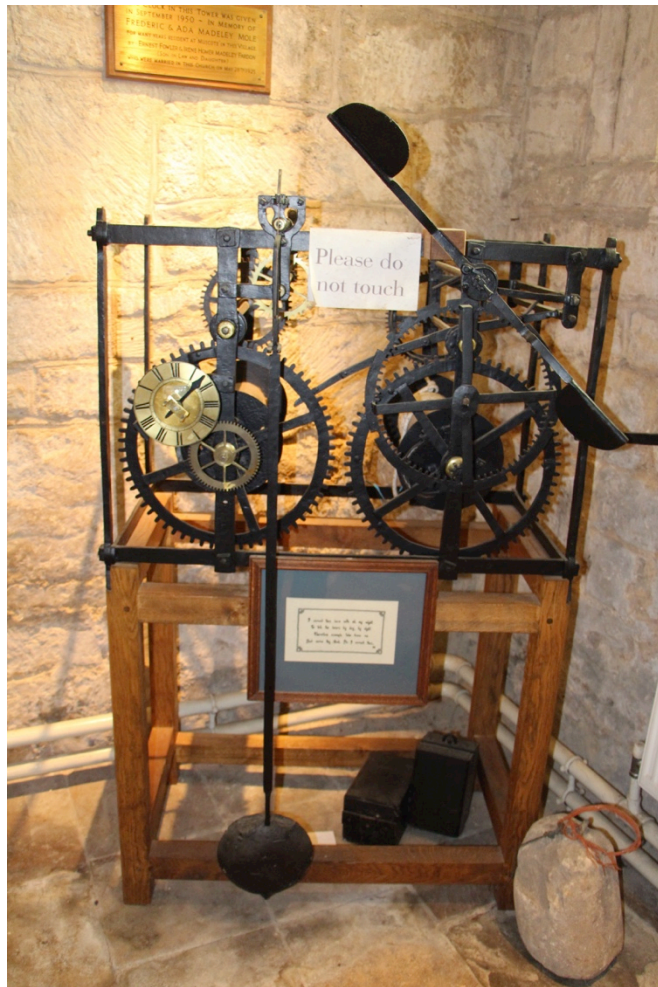
The Altar and East Window at Holy Trinity, Eckington, which depicts the Adoration of the Infant Jesus by the Magi and Shepherds, made by Walter Camm of Smethwick.



The St Cecilia window at Holy Trinity, Eckington contains fragments of medieval glass and was designed by Florence Camm.



Susan Renshaw with the parish chest of Holy Trinity, Eckington, which is thought to be over 600 years old. It is carved from elm with three staple and hasp fittings.



The original church clock mechanism (c 1721) is of wrought iron. It was replaced in 1950.



Parishioners at All Saints' Sedgley may recognize the blue hymn books at Eckington. They are identical to the ones Susan ordered when she was our curate.

Martin and Magda Jones

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Sources:

'A tour of Eckington Church', leaflet available in church.