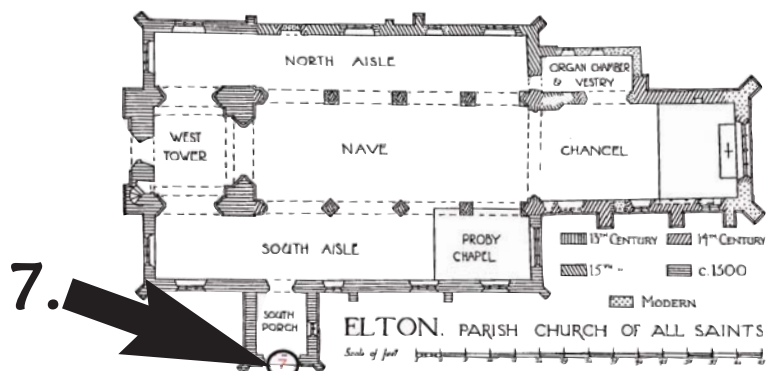


7. As we leave via the South Porch we notice the medieval scratch dials on the outside of the porch entrance, the gnomon sundial on the tower above, the site of the old clock on the east side of the tower, and the 1911 clock, our present clock, on the west face.

“Almost certainly God is not in Time. His life does not consist of moments following one another. If a million people are praying to Him at ten-thirty tonight, He need not listen to them all in that one little snippet which we call ten-thirty. Ten-thirty...is always the Present for Him. ...

If you picture Time as a straight line along which we have to travel, then you must picture God as the whole page on which the line is drawn. We come to the parts of the line one by one: we have to leave A behind before we get to B, and cannot reach C until we leave B behind. God, from above or outside or all round, contains the whole line, and sees it all.” 8



Prayer:

Father, we pray for those for whom time is a burden; for those with time on their hands, with skills in their lives and nowhere to use them; for those with time to laugh and to cry, to plan and to do many things but no one to share it with; for those with too little time; for those whose lives are one mad rush from one activity to another; for those on whom the ever increasing demands of their employer, the needs of their family and their sense of duty to others leave them precious little time just to be. May the grace of God and the presence of Christ hold them still. Amen.

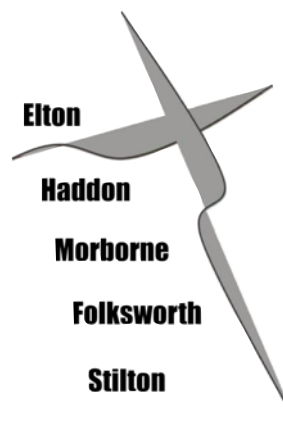
Thank you for visiting our church and for participating in this walk of prayer. We hope that in this place you have encountered the love of Jesus, our King, redeemer and friend.

*The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24:26)
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.
Amen.*

8 Lewis, C.S. Mere Christianity. London: Collins, Signature Classics Edition, (2012), p.167-168
9 Clowes, D, 500 Prayers for all occasions, Eastbourne: David C. Cook, (2003) p. 305

All Saints' Church, Elton Prayer Walk

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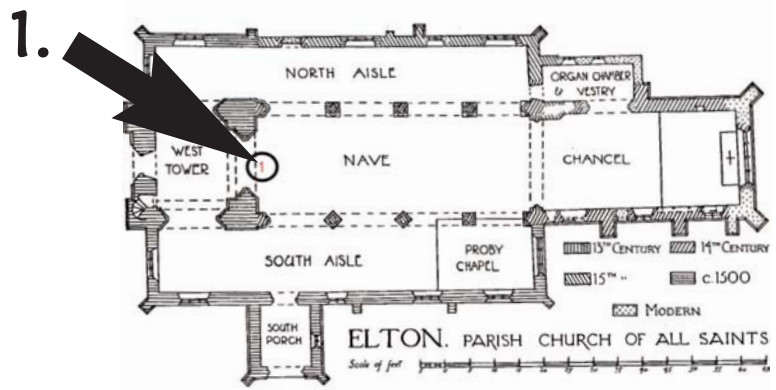


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"Growing together in worship...."

..... reaching out with Christian love"

A very warm welcome to All Saints Church. Since before 1066, people have met on this site to offer their prayers to God. For this reason, it is a 'thin place' where heaven touches earth. Whether you are doing this walk for historical or faith reasons, we pray that by doing this you may enter deeper into the love and presence of God.



1. We begin our prayer walk at the font, at the west end of the nave. 'Elton parish registers contain 'a record of entries and exits, joys and sorrows, rises and falls, successive events in 'the tale that is told, a continuous "memento mori." The baptismal records begin in the reign of Elizabeth I.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future.

Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism.

Prayer:

*We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
 He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him
 and revealed him as the Son you love.
 He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
 We thank you that you have claimed for yourself
 those who have been washed in the waters of rebirth.
 Uphold them in this new life, that they may ever remain steadfast in
 faith, joyful in hope, and rooted in your love. Amen.*



¹ Whistler, R.F. The History of Ailington, Aylton, or Elton (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1892), p.92

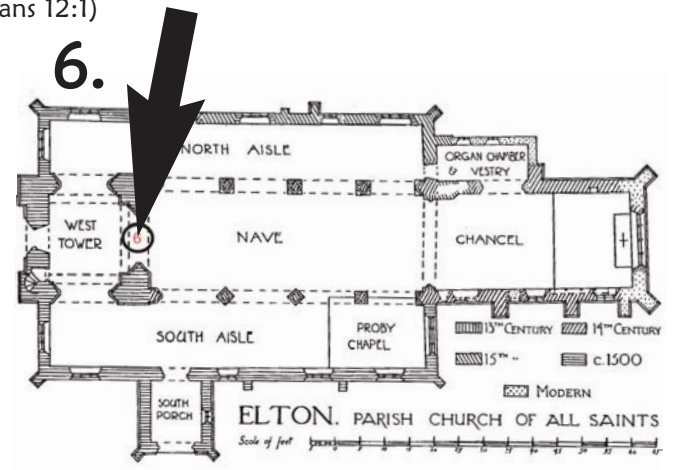
6. We make our way to the tower arch. Here we find recorded the names of the priests who have served All Saints over the centuries. We also discover the vestry screen.

This carved and painted screen of English oak bears the names of the ninety six local volunteers who served in World War One.

You can find the names of the twenty men who died in that conflict along with Edward Meadwell who was killed in World War Two on the memorial in the churchyard as you enter from the East.

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"
 (John 15:3)."*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)



Prayer:

*Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
 either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings
 for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
 and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

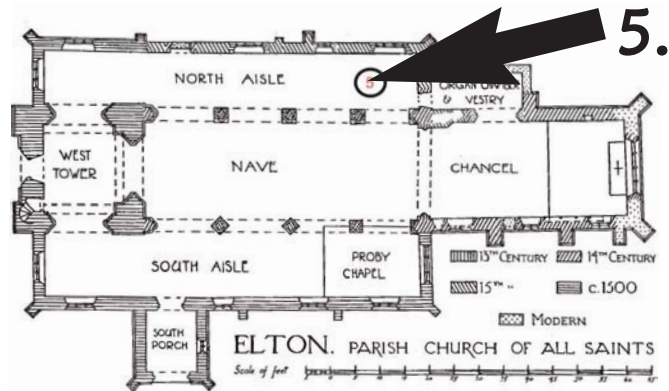


⁷ Common Worship Services and Prayers for the Church of England: Times and Seasons London: Church House Publishing (2006). P??

5. We turn west and walk to the North Aisle which contains the oldest wall of the church laid by Saxon hands.⁶ The Saxon crosses were discovered near here in 1885. Countless things have changed in our world since then, but God is unchanging. He remains ever loving and ever forgiving and ever faithful. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come." Revelation 1:8 The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, after they asked him how they should pray.

We bless God and pray for our world, our communities and our lives to be shaped by God's will; We pray for daily needs to be met, for forgiveness for wrongdoings, strength to resist temptation and protection from danger.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," (Phil. 4:6-7).



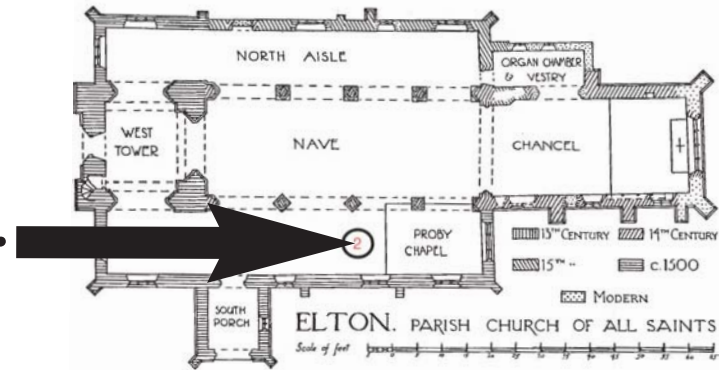
Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



⁶ Whistler, R.F. The History of Ailington, Aylton, or Elton (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1892), p.3

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2. We move to the South Aisle (Lady Chapel). Before the reformation it was used for prayers to the Virgin Mary. Cut into the stone pavings are the initials of five of the children who predeceased Thomas and Frances Proby. The Proby family came to Elton Hall in 1663; only their daughter Alice survived them and the infants Helena, Heneage, Frances and Elizabeth, and the slightly older Thomas, are all buried here.

The triple-light south window depicts the Annunciation, the Adoration of the Shepherds and the Flight into Egypt. It was erected in 1870 to the memory of Granville Leveson Proby, third Earl of Carysfort, and of his wife Isabella Howard, 3rd countess of Carysfort, who died in 1836, after the birth of her eighth child. ²

"It is by grace that we are saved. Through faith and not by works. For it is through Jesus we have life. To live is a blessing, to live is Christ. Come let us adore Him. So, we've been raised with Jesus Christ. Let's set our hearts on things above, that we may be filled with the fullness of God. To walk in the freedom he's given us. Come let us adore Him ;" (Based on Ephesians 2:8)

Prayer:

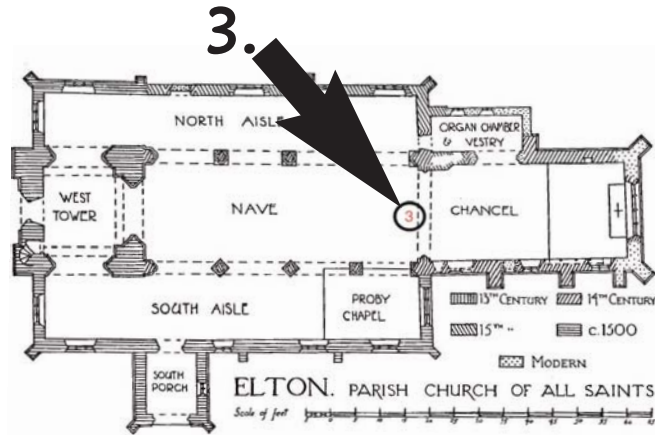
*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
Refrain:
I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.
[Refrain]
All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.
[Refrain] ;*



² Whistler, R.F. The History of Ailington, Aylton, or Elton (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1892), p.19
³ Lane, S. Adore Him from My Soul Yearns. Hull: Vineyard Records UK (2011)
⁴ Van de Venter, J.W. Complete Mission Praise London: Marshall Pickering (1999), no.25 (CCLI 1639307)

3. We walk to the Chancel steps. The grand East Window depicts the company of heaven and contains text from the Te Deum Laudamus (We praise thee, O God).

Contained in the window are 53 characters from the bible including Adam and Eve; the prophets; John the Baptist; the apostles and also martyrs and saints such as Augustine, Alban, Etheldreda and Edward the Confessor. It was made by Clayton and Bell and dedicated to Granville Leveson Proby, 4th Earl of Carysford who died in 1872.



Prayer:

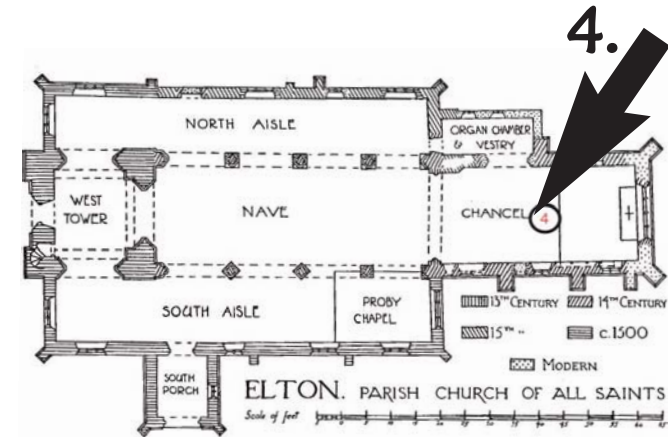
*“We praise thee O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord;
all the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin’s womb
When thou hast overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of heav’n to all
believers.
We therefore pray thee help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting...”*



4. We move to the Chancel altar rail. The window nearest the altar on the south wall commemorates the much-loved Archdeacon Richard Kempthorne, who was minister on Saint Helena and Chaplain to the Colonies for twenty years before he came to Elton.

Jesus tells his disciple Peter to “Feed my sheep”, (1 Peter2:2), the food being the Word of God. Peter declares that Christians are to desire the pure spiritual milk of the Word so that by it, they can mature in their salvation.

In some parts of the world, the scriptures are difficult or dangerous to access, or are simply unavailable. In some countries it is even illegal to own a bible.



Prayer:

*Wonder-speaking God, you created all there is by the power of your word and renew us daily by your life-giving Spirit.
We give thanks for the Scriptures that you give us the wisdom leading to salvation through Jesus Christ, and that teach, train and correct us.
We pray for all involved in the translation, distribution and production of the Bible worldwide, and for all who help people understand and live by it.
Lord, so shape your people by your word that we will bring life and hope to all around us through Jesus, your living Word.
We ask this for your glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. 5*



⁵ <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us/>