

How to find St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury.

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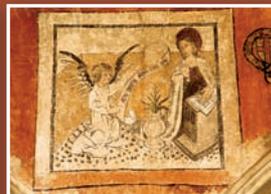
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Admission is free, although donations are welcome towards the upkeep of this special building. There is full wheelchair access.

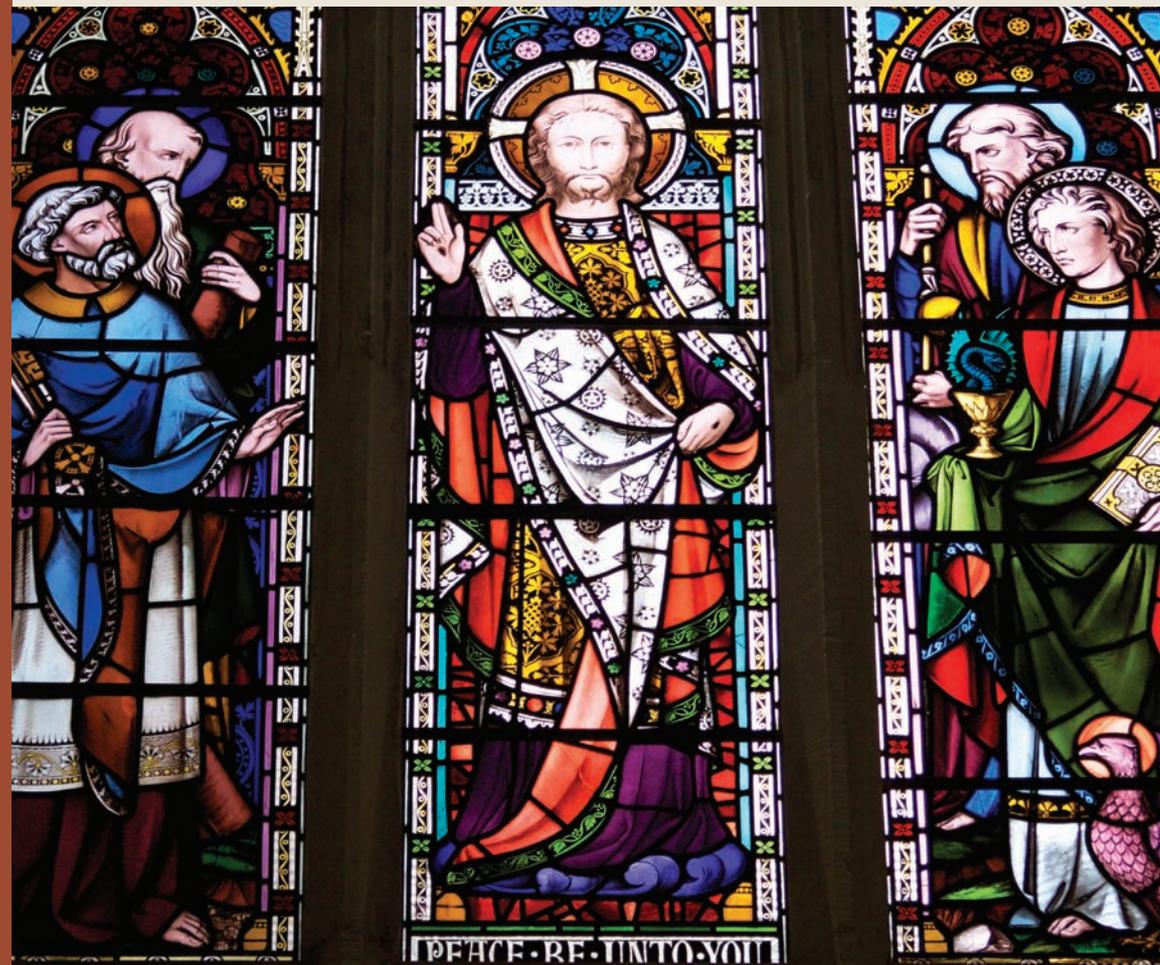
There is adequate parking and good Park and Ride facilities from all directions.

Opening times 8.30am – 6pm

Tues & Sat morning coffee is served in the People's Vestry 9.30am – noon.



A Contemplative Walk around the Parish Church of St Thomas à Beckett and St Edmund of Abingdon, Salisbury





Welcome

Take a Contemplative walk around this beautiful church, a living Church serving God at the heart of this City of Salisbury.



***"See the Stones, Touch the stones,
Seeped in prayer and praise.
See the light streaming through glass,
Dust dancing on polished oak pews.***

***Hush as you enter.
Walk softly, and kneel in the silence and pray.***

***For this is a house where many have chosen to stay.
Kneel and add your prayers.
Know God is here with you."***

Church Door



As you enter this Holy place, a house of prayer, see the stone floor, where unseen steps of generations of Christians have gone before.

The large wooden doors of our Church are a symbol of a God who welcomes each one of us with his presence.

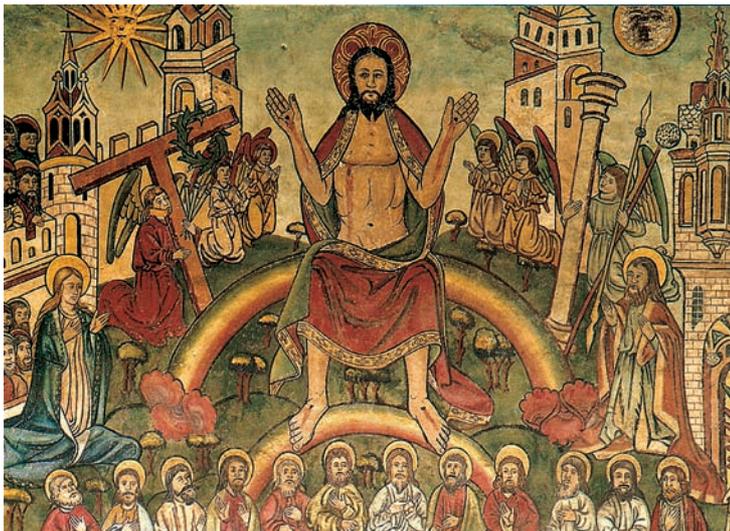
As you come in away from the hustle and bustle of the busy city, be still and rest in God's presence.



Doom Painting

This famous wall-painting depicts Christ sitting before the New Jerusalem - the Last Judgment. It shows us how immediate Heaven and Hell were considered to be in the Middle Ages.

God has revealed to us the Living Word in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is our hope of redemption.



“O God, teach us to view our life here on earth as a pilgrim’s path to heaven, and grant us grace to walk courageously in the company of your faithful people”.

Font

Here we are baptised with living water, bringing healing, strength, refreshment and renewal.

The starting point for many on their journey of faith.

When we are baptised we leave behind our past and take on a commitment to God for the future.



Children’s Corner

We have a responsibility for the nurture and care of children, their education and development of faith.

“God, bless all children, may they be nurtured in caring families”.
“God, please help me to find peace”.

Prayer Board in The Lady Chapel

Perhaps you would like to pause here and pray for your own family. You are welcome to leave a prayer message on the board.

While you are here, perhaps think of those things which you would like to “leave behind”.



Bells

The ringing of bells marks special moments. They are significant in worship, calling the faithful and are used to celebrate a wedding or, muffled, to mark a death.

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and sound of bells.” Psalm 98

War Memorial and Book of Remembrance

Remembrance of those who strive to bring peace and lay down their lives for their country.

Pray for our armed forces and all who seek to protect us.



“God, I pray for peace between all nations, and in all hearts.”

Altar

Here Christians unite as one Body to share the consecrated bread and wine, the defining symbols of our Christian life. This reminds us of God's love and the sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross to save us.



It enriches and deepens our faith as we come and reminds us we are fed both physically and spiritually.

Consider this amazing sacrifice, and give thanks.

“Lord God, my redeemer, all loving and compassionate, I worship and adore you.”

Cross

This is a symbol of a God who loved his world so much that he gave his only Son.



God loves the world, ALL of it and YOU.

“God, you gave your only Son as a sacrifice for sinners. Deliver me from all evil. And lead me into life and peace.”



Choir Stalls

The Choir use their gifts, talents and their music to uplift our faith and worship.

In thoughtfulness, consider your gifts and talents and any aspect of God's gifts of beauty and joy.

"God, grant that in everything I do, you may be glorified and your will accomplished."

Pulpit

Many words have been preached, and inspirational teaching given from this place. God invites us to listen, to seek him in the stillness in this house of prayer.



"God, quieten my heart to hear you, holy God."

The Walls, Pillars and Roof

These have stood for centuries, solid and immovable, offering shelter and protection.

There are more than 250 carved representations of angels all around you.

The stones and wood are steeped in prayers and praise. The church is full of memories.

Perhaps you would like to ask God for His protection over you.



"O God, you are the Good Shepherd and I one of the sheep of your pasture. In you I hope, in you I become, in you I live. Protect me from evil, and lead me not into temptation".



The Aisles

As you walk slowly down the aisle, notice the engraved stones on the floor reminding us of men and women of the 17th and 18th century who once worshipped here. Think of the many people who have walked on these stones before you. Some have come here weekly, or as occasional visitors. Some have walked down this aisle to be married, to bring children to be christened, or to bid farewell to loved ones.

Perhaps you would like to pause and thank God for His involvement in your life.



“God, thank you that you are always with me, alongside me, before me, behind me”.

Candles

Symbols of Jesus' light to the world, taking us from the darkness of sin into His saving light.

Pause and think of Jesus' light shining in your life.

“Lord God, may I turn from the darkness to the saving light of Jesus”.

West Door

As you go out into the world, may God's Blessing surround you and His love fill your heart. May the love of God enfold you.

Our Lord's message to every generation is the text displayed in the east window -



“Peace be unto you”



Thank you for visiting
St Thomas's Church, Salisbury

'Serving God in the Heart of the City'



**We hope you have been blessed by your visit here.
We invite you to join us for one of our services.**

**Please see the notice board
for details of all our services.**

Thank you

