

NOTES ON ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

NAME. St Leonard. - a young Frankish Chief under Clovis - died 559 A.D.
Lived as a Hermit in S. France. Prisoners and Penitents gathered round him. Became the Patron Saint of Prisoners.

CHURCH. Founded in 1215 - Magna Carta year - in reign of King John.
The Chancel was the original church - probably a private chapel at first.
The entrance Arch to this now stands over the gate entering the Churchyard.
In the 14th Cent. a nave was added. In the 14th Cent. a tower was built at the West End, and a gallery erected in the Nave. In 1823 this gallery was enlarged and covered half the Nave.
In 1881 extensive alterations were carried out. The present tower was erected - the gallery removed - the present Chancel arch put in - the North aisle was added.
In 1911 the church was enlarged again by extending the Nave and N. Aisle westward: - the old vestry became the present organ chamber, and the present vestry added.

CHANCEL. The East Window contains some 14th Cent. 15th Cent. glass. See framed description of this in a Chancel window

The painted stone corbels are probably a memorial to the wife of Robert Cheyney who died 1576. Several members of the Cheyney family are buried in the chancel

The handsome altar tomb on the North side of the Holy Table is that of John Cheyney who died 1585.

On the Chancel floor are some memorial brasses - the most interesting being that of Benedict Lee, a Chrysom child, i.e. a child who died before the cloth (Chrysom) when he had been anointed with Chrysom (ointment) at baptism had been handed to the priest: as was customary. Left the rug to see the Brasses.

Holy Table is late 14th Cent. - it has five supports, twisted work in clusters of four. Jacobean Communion table.

In the Church Plate is an Elizabethan silver chalice.

NAVE.

Pulpit is early Jacobean - hexagonal - it is standing on the old sounding board.

In the wall behind it is the old iron holder for the hour glass. used in Puritan days.

WINDOWS.

Nave. S. Wall.

i St. Brinus - Apostle of the West Saxons - brought Christianity to them - his work brought him as far as the Chilterns.

St. Frideswide - the foundress of Christ Church the Cathedral of Oxford Diocese

ii # St. Cecilia - patroness of music.

St. George - patron saint of England

The one in whose memory this window was given was very interested in Music and The Scouts.

Nave. N.W. corner.

St. Leonard - Patron Saint of Prisoners.

St. Hugh of Lincoln - when founded this church was in the Lincoln Diocese.

BELLS:

There are 3 Bells.

One (ancient) is without date or inscription.

One, early 15th Cent. inscribed Sancti Andrea Gra Pro Nobis now stands in the Porch.

A new bell replaced this in 1947 given by Col. Stanley Spauld.

The third bell is inscribed "Chandler made me 1905"

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