

**Days Out with a religious connection:**  
**Bucknell, Shropshire**



**The Parish Church of St Mary's, Bucknell, in Shropshire.**

Although in Shropshire, St Mary's Bucknell is in the Diocese of Hereford. The nearest towns are Clun in Shropshire and Kington in Herefordshire – it's very close to the border with Radnorshire in Wales. The church is believed to have been constructed in 1140, and rebuilt in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It's one of seven churches in the Middle Marches Benefice. In the Domesday Book the village was referred to as 'Buckehale'. The area was held for the Crown by Roger de Montgomery, but tenanted by Ralph de Mortimer who held Bucknell. William de Picot of Clun Castle was a nearby tenant.



**The wooden porch; and tower which contains a clock and three bells.**



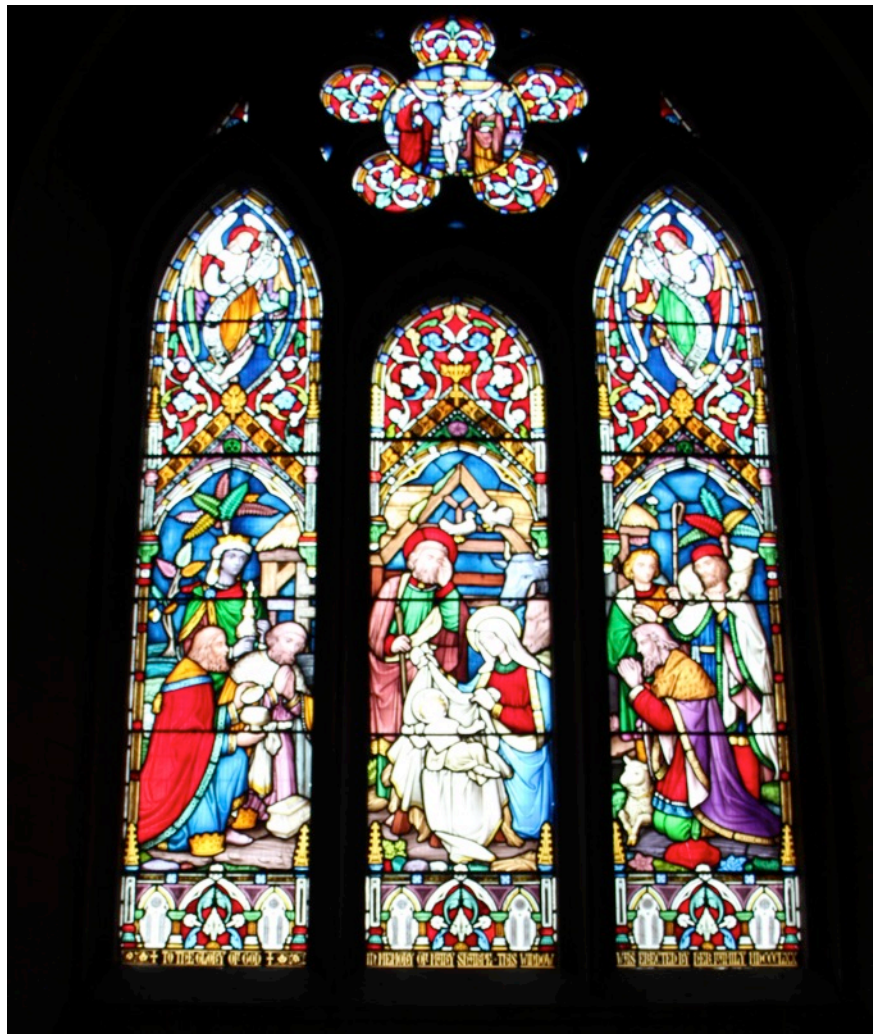
**The font at St Mary's Bucknell; the interlaced design is Norman and the face is Saxon. The base is more recent. The face in the centre of the font depicts a lion or cat.**



The roof of the nave at St Mary's Bucknell. The nave roof has five trusses (wooden frames) - the central one has tie and collar beams.



**The pulpit at St Mary's Bucknell.**



The east window at St Mary's Bucknell depicts the Adoration of the Magi (left); and the shepherds at Christ's birth (right).



The organ dates from 1880. It was made by Conacher and Co of Huddersfield.



Three arches in the nave bear the painted inscription: 'Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth'.





The chancel arch bears the painted inscription: 'Worship the Lord with Holy Worship'.



**An unusual lych gate at St Mary's Bucknell, with storerooms either side of the gateway.**



In the centre of Bucknell village near the church is a tea shop and tourist information centre.



**St Mary's Church and churchyard, Bucknell, Shropshire.**

After our visit to Bucknell, we drove on to investigate another church in the benefice – St Mary’s Chapel Lawn.



**St Mary's Church at Chapel Lawn was, alas, locked when we visited.**



Chapel Lawn had an honesty stall where local people could sell produce.

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## **Sources of information:**

Church leaflet for St Mary's Bucknell

## ***About the benefice:***

<http://www.middlemarchesbenefice.org/BUCKNELL/>

## ***Bucknell history:***

[http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/villages/bucknell/bucknell\\_history/bucknell\\_history.php](http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/villages/bucknell/bucknell_history/bucknell_history.php)