



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Peter, Brampford Speke.

A church at Brampford Speke is first recorded in the early 1100s, when Walter de Treminet gave it to the monks of St Nicholas Priory, Exeter. The church was largely rebuilt in the 1400s, and again in the mid 1800s. As part of the 1852-53 rebuilding the old church was largely demolished, with the exception of the tower.

From the time of King Henry II, 1154-1189,(and perhaps earlier) the manor of Brampford Speke belonged to the family of Especk, from which the family name Speke later derived. The Speke family were lords of the manor until 1752, when the title passed by marriage to the Taylors of Denbury.

The church contains several memorials to notable local families and individuals:

The windows in the north and south aisles that commemorate the lords of the manor of Brampford Speke and Cowley were commissioned as a part of the 1852-1853 rebuilding. The Revd George Cornelius Gorham was vicar of the parish between 1851 and 1857. His legal action following initially being denied the post, subsequently taken to a secular court, caused great controversy at that time.

Beneath the south window in the south aisle there is an original painted arch, an Ogee Arch, dating from the 1300s.

A comprehensive guide to the history of the parish and St Peter's church, written by Nicholas Orme, is available in the church, price £1.50.



The south aisle - chancel and altar



The painted Ogee arch in the south aisle



North aisle window commemorating the lords of the manor



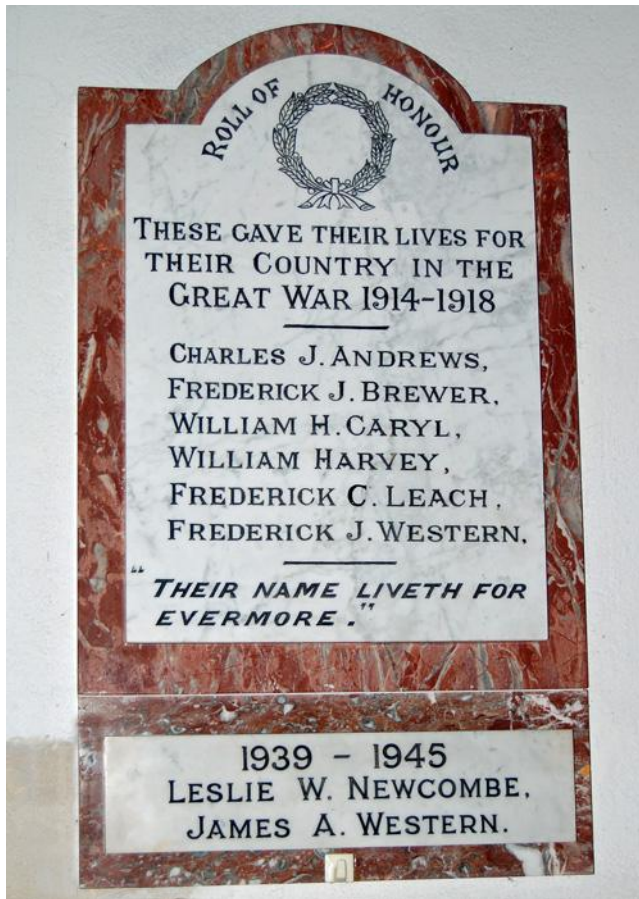
The memorial to George Cornelius Gorham



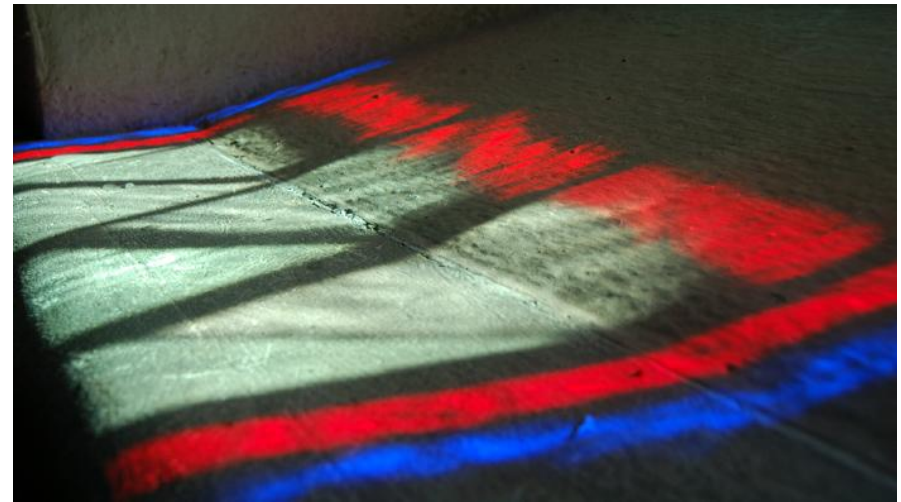
Detail from the east window



The font



The Roll of Honour



Reflections from a south aisle window



Harvest festival 2010