



The northern side of the Church and older part of the Church yard. Each of the buttresses on this side is topped with a pinnacle.

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Cyr and Julitta, Newton St Cyres

The parish of Newton St Cyres is 17 miles in circumference and includes several small hamlets and many old farmhouses still bearing the same names as in the 16th century.

The 14th century church, with its 13th century tower, stands on a small hillside overlooking the village and is dedicated to St Julitta and St Cyr, her young son. The oldest part is the twelfth century tower, with its clock (1711) and inside an eight-bell peal (1733 on). The interior has beauty, simplicity and light. The nave was rebuilt in the fifteenth century, while the north aisle was added in the sixteenth, both surmounted by a wagon roof with carved bosses. Of the many tributes to parish life, the largest are a fine monument to Sir John Northcott (1632) and a rare Royal Arms of James II.

The church has various styles of service, a strong musical life and expanding mission community role. The church is open throughout the day and visitors are most welcome.

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Inside the Church the pillars and arches are of Beer stone, the remainder of the stone is from Posbury (Near Crediton).The roof is a West Country "wagon" roof with covered bosses.



To the right of the South door is painted the Royal Arms of James II, rare because of his short reign.



The four "hatchments" in the North aisle bear the Quicke arms, they were hung over the door of a house during the period of mourning after a death in the family, now placed in the Church.



THE NORTHCOTE MONUMENT

This is an almost perfect specimen of a seventeenth century monument and it shows most of its original colouring. The central figure is that of Sir John Northcote who was born at Crediton in 1570 and died at Hayne, in this parish, in December 1632.

The head above him on his right is that of his grandfather, Walter Northcote, a serge merchant of Crediton. That on his left is his father, John, also a clothier of Crediton, who was buried there in 1587.

On either side of Sir Johns head is a female head in an oval medallion. That on his right represents his first wife, Elizabeth Rouse.

That on his left is his second wife, Susan Pollard. This monument was erected in his parent's memory in 1637 by their son, who also became Sir John Northcote, who is shown kneeling at the base of it along with his wife, three of their sons, a daughter and two infants.