



Children's Corner

The panels of needlework were done by the schoolchildren and those evacuated to the Parish during 1939-1945.



Font

Octagonal marble font given in memory of Rev. J.A. Gould, Vicar 1882-1894. The base of the ancient font, dating from the 12th Century was found in the graveyard and is against the north wall.



Funeral Hatchments

Four from the Quicke family dating 1729-1859 bearing the coat of arms of the deceased and his wife. They were carried in front of the coffin, placed over the deceased's door and then into the church.



War Memorials

To the men of the Parish who gave their lives in WWI and WWII. They are also remembered in the Memorial Window in the Lady Chapel dedicated in 1920.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"
("It is sweet and right to die for your country")

Way-side Cross

This is the site where the Monks of St Peter's Exeter preached over 1,000 years ago. Located on the edge of the graveyard over looking the Exeter - Crediton Road. The base and shaft are medieval, the collar and Maltese cross are restorations commemorating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.



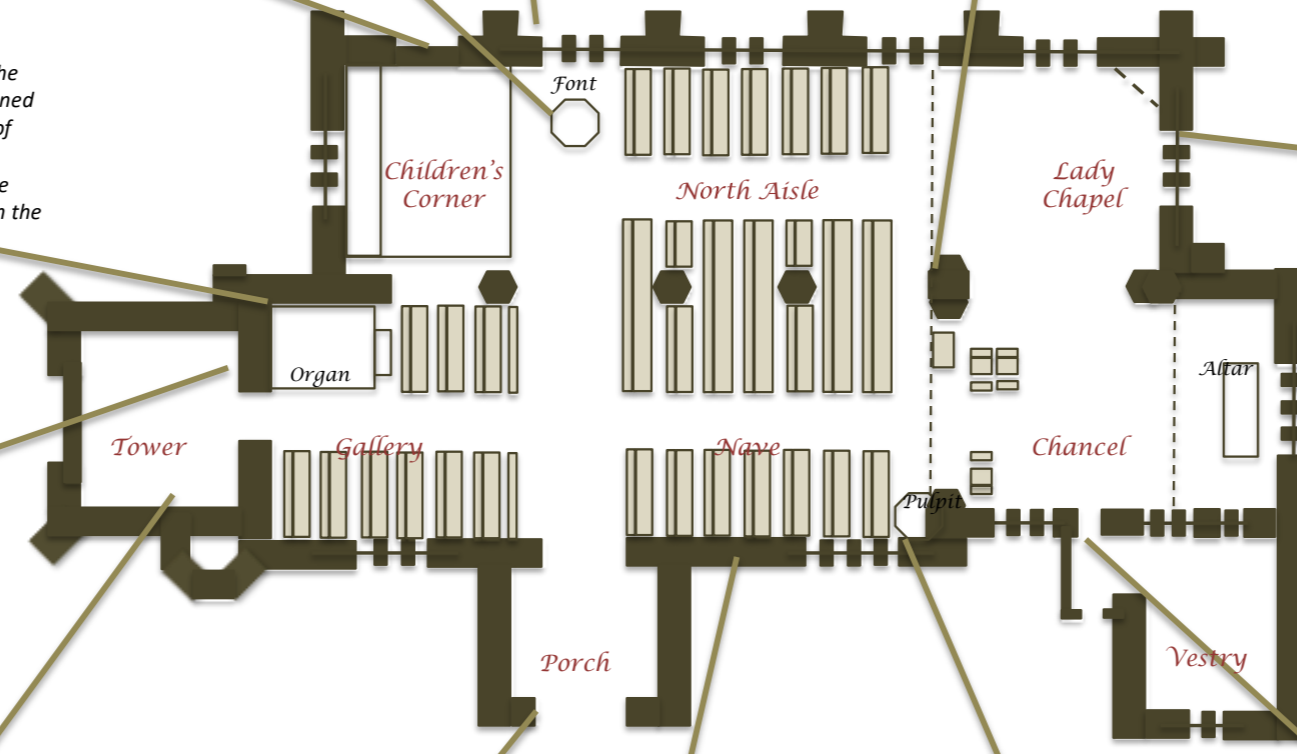
Northcote Memorial

The most prominent monument dedicated to John Northcote (1570-1632). The monument represents five generations of the Northcote family from his grandfather and father above, his two wives on either side, his son & daughter-in-law below with his grandchildren. John stands as a warrior in full armour, grasping a truncheon and resting his foot on a skull.



Organ

Was once upstairs in the Gallery but was repositioned and rebuilt using some of the old pipework when the Galleries were removed in the 1920's.



One-armed Clock

Originally made in 1711 by Louis Pridham of Crediton. Reconstructed from the original parts in 1971 by John Durrant MBE. A new face was placed on the east wall of the tower and dedicated in 1985.



Tower and the Bells

The embattled Tower is the oldest part of the church dating from the 13th and 14th century with a 5-sided stair turret added 100 years later. The eight Bells in the tower include five recast in 1733, four of which were first hung in 1553.



South Porch

Completed with beams and carved bosses, the central boss showing the sow suckling a litter of piglets (also found in Exeter Cathedral). There is a quatrefoil opening on the right, possibly used to ring the Sanctus Bell.

The Royal Arms of James II

Dated 1685, one of only 6-7 in the country given his short reign. The date coincides with an important marriage between the Northcote & Quicke families.



Pulpit

The Georgian mahogany pulpit is dated 1769 with a large sounding board surmounted by a gilded dove, symbolising the Holy Spirit. The mouldings are identical to those in the state rooms at Saltram House, Plymouth.



Quicke Memorials

The Quicke family have been Squire, landlord and Patron of the church for around 500 years and remain active in the Parish. The memorials & graves to the Quicke family span more than 12 generations. The east stained glass window is in memory of Major Francis Churchill Quicke, killed in action in the Boer War in 1901. The 'le' hand window represents St. Cyriac (Cyriac) and St. Julitta.



Sherland Short Memorial

Sherland Short died in 1632, aged 17 at Exeter College, Oxford. He was the son of Alice who married John Short after the death of her first husband John Quicke (1540-1606). It has the figure of a boy asleep amongst his books.



Local Historical Events

1086	Niwetone (New Town) mentioned in the Domesday book
1264	Walter de Brattone, first Vicar, appointed by the intervention of Pope Urban IV
1506	Oldest fragment of a gravestone in the graveyard
1557	Oldest memorial in the church to Andrew Quicke of Newton (1470-1557)
1561	Reformation led to destruction of images and the banning and removal of 'rood lofts', including our church
1573	Elizabeth I grants Arms to the Quicke family
1576	John Bradford, Vicar presented by Queen Elizabeth I (the first of five in the family 1576-1728)
1644	Essex's army (Parliamentarians) stole the communion cup and 8s 2d
1686	Andrew Quicke marries Dorothy Northcote, joining together the two leading families of the Parish
1700	Bell ringing - Victory over the French
1712	Bell ringing - Anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation Day
1761	Reopening of the Lead & Silver mines above Newton St Cyres between John Quicke Esq and Sir George Yonge Bart.
1767	John Hockaday stole the communion plate & was later hanged at Livery Dole, Heavitree, Exeter
1776	John Holbyn, instituted as Vicar, built the present Vicarage house, replacing the old cobb buildings
1790	Re-opening up of the Manganese mines in Newton St Cyres, bringing further prosperity to the village
1817	William Henry Quicke, patron John Quicke the first of three Quicke Vicars instituted between 1817-1870
1817	Sundial erected commemorating Rev. George Terry Carwithen, Vicar 1813-17
1831	Long Gallery and the 'three-decker' pulpit erected at the west end of the church for the parishioners (removed in 1931)
1851	Crediton/Exeter Road lowered between the churchyard and Newton House
1877	Opening of the Village School (mixed classes started in 1885)
1897	Way-side Cross restored by John & Mary Quicke in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee
1906	Disastrous fire to Newton House, home of the Quicke family
1911	Richard Henry Boles, instituted as Vicar and involved in the major renovation of the church
1915	Completion of major church restoration under Edward Harbottle, architect (incl. removal of box pews)
1926	Opening of the new Parish Hall by Capt. Noel and Mrs. Constance Quicke (formerly the cider barn)
1931	Edward & Louis Batting stained-glass window, local farmers
1937	Restoration of the church roof after extensive damage by death watch beetle. Choir stalls installed.
1939-45	World War II. Local parishioners who lost their lives honoured in memorials in the church 1920
1951	new organ dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. Bells rehung and two new bells added.
1958	Oak Altar in Lady Chapel placed in memory of the late J.E. Blakeman-Ball, vicar 1927-1939
1959	Road straightening through Newton St Cyres resulting in the demolition of cottages on the south side of the road
1962	Whitewash of internal plaster, re-colouring of the wooden roof bosses in the chancel
1965	Royal Arms of James II restored
1971	Church Clock, built in 1711, put back into working order
1977	Queen's Silver Jubilee, erection of the Newton St Cyres sign on the village green
1983	Signing of the Twinning Charter with Rots, near Caen
1985	Erection of new clock face on the east side of the Tower
2009	Death of John Godolphin Quicke, fifteenth generation on the Newton St Cyres estate



Picture shows the Parish Church with the Vicarage and Newton House, 2016

The Parish Church of St. Cyr & St. Julitta is in the rural Deanery of Cadbury and the Archdeaconry of Exeter and Diocese of Exeter.

The Netherexe Parishes

Netherexe parishes are a community of nine churches in the Diocese of Exeter serving the communities of Brampford Speke, Cadbury, Newton St Cyres, Rewe with Netherexe, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Thorverton and Upton Pyne.

The churches of the Netherexe parishes together form a 'Mission Community', which commits itself to maintaining a worshipping, witnessing community within all our parishes and making the gospel known to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Netherexe Parishes

Website: www.netherexe.org

*God of peace,
You give us far more than we can desire or deserve,
we thank you for the peace of this church
which comes from you.
May this peace be poured into all who seek you here
and flow from them to your needy world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

*God of heaven and earth
we thank you for your grace and mercy
that has shone through the lives of the saints in
Newton St Cyres in many years past.
We pray that this church may always bear witness
to your redeeming
love, that all who enter these doors may be filled
with your presence
and may come to know and love you,
through Jesus Christ. Amen*



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Visitors Guide



THE PARISH CHURCH of ST. CYR and ST. JULITTA Newton St Cyres

Welcome to Newton St Cyres Church. We are delighted you have taken the time to visit our church. This guide will hopefully let you observe the features of our ancient church and churchyard.

For about a thousand years, the Christian community in Newton St Cyres has been worshipping on this spot by the Shuttern Brook (the ford is still at the far end of the village green). The site overlooks the village and is seen by all travellers on the road between Exeter and Crediton.

Our church dates from the 13th century and was dedicated to St. Cyre (Cyricus) and his mother Julitta in the 15th century. They suffered martyrdom in 304 AD as Christians persecuted under the rule of the Roman Emperor Dioclesian and Governor Alexander. Julitta was tortured to death and her 3-year-old son Cyricus followed when thrown down the steps of the courtroom having slapped the Governor.

The village, originally known as Newtown (Niwetona in 1086) when some form of church would have existed, later on assumed the name Newton St Cyres.

*“Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God.
And the peace of God which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4 6-7