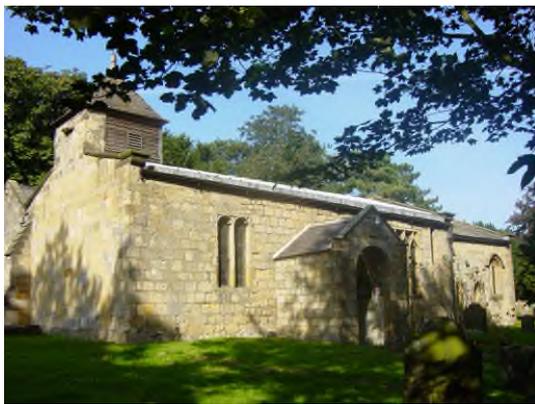


All Saints'
Church



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In 1066 William the Conqueror gave the land in the Wold Newton area to his nephew Gilbert de Grant. He founded All Saints' Church, Hunmanby, and later built ten Chapels of Ease, also called daughter churches. All Saints', Wold Newton, was one of these, and is thought to have been completed around the year 1100.



The church is a Grade II* listed stone building, incorporating a nave, chancel, south porch and west bell turret containing original Norman masonry. A north aisle, designed by Temple Moore, a noted ecclesiastical architect of his day, was added in the middle of the 19th century. There is a Priest's doorway in the south wall of the Chancel, also known as the Lepers' door, where those stricken with the disease could worship outside the church, with a view of the altar. There is also a Norman round headed slit window high up in the south Nave wall, near the east end. The

remarkable circular patterned font is also Norman.

On the west wall there are two large wooden boards with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. These two boards played an important part in literally keeping the church together, when, in November 1994, the congregation leaving the church one Sunday morning noticed a pronounced bulge in the west outside wall. The following morning the outer carcass of the wall collapsed. Had it not been for the two boards, the entire wall including the bell turret would have been a heap of rubble.

The Church's finest feature is the tympanum of the fine and quite untouched Norman south doorway. It has a large ring at the top symbolising eternity and three circles to the left, the Holy Trinity, together with other interesting carvings. The south doorway appears to date from the 11th century. The glass in the windows is the work of renowned 19th century stained glass manufacturers, including windows by Charles Eamer Kempe behind the altar and in the north aisle.

Renovations, in addition to the major reconstruction of the west wall, have included re-leading the roof in the 1980s, and re-wiring the whole church in 1995/96. More recent work has been the repairs to the south porch, re-roofing the Vestry, and internal redecoration, during the years 2001 to 2003.



Because of the poor condition of the hangings, the two 17th century bells had to be taken out of service in November 2009. New hangings and bell ropes were supplied and installed by John Taylor & Co of Loughborough in October 2011 at a cost of £5,382, a



massive sum for a small village. It was a joy to hear the bells ringing again on completion of the work. The bell tower was re-clad with replacement wooden shingle in autumn 2014.

The plaster on the roof in the north aisle had been deteriorating and coming loose for a number of years, so in January and February of 2015 Church volunteers, who included building maintenance and carpentry skills re-clad the interior with insulation material and plaster. The whole of the north aisle was then redecorated.

We are currently starting out on a project to put new solid flooring in the vestry, install a toilet, fit new kitchen units and heating boiler, and re-decorate including re-plastering. This will enhance our ability to welcome people to our services and other activities taking place in the Church building.

All Saints' Church remains the focal point in our village for meeting together for Christian worship and fellowship, and celebrating important events in the Christian calendar and family life, a mission which it has fulfilled for over 900 years. We aim to continue to serve our community by bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to all, and giving help and support wherever and in whatever form needed.