

**1.** 14<sup>th</sup> century 100 ft. high sandstone tower, topped with 200-year old gilded cockerel weather vane. The west door, clock and ringing chamber are out of line because it is thought that building was finished by unskilled workmen after the Black Death (1348) killed many local craftsmen.

**2.** Bell chamber with ring of eight bells and peep hole into church to allow ringers to time the bells for wedding couples leaving church. The service bell, whose rope hangs in the porch, dates from 1691.

**3.** Carved symbols above porch door of the four evangelists – Matthew, angel; Mark, lion; Luke, ox; and John, eagle.

**4.** Churchwardens' pew with their staves, signifying their role of keeping the congregation in order!

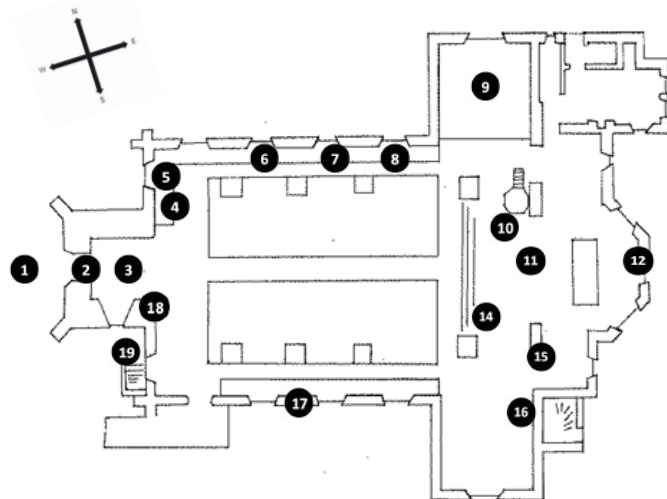
**5.** Ironwork from the churchyard grave of the blacksmith Mr. Austin Francis Hill, d. 1883, who made the gates of the Houses of Parliament. Tools of his trade can be seen.

**6-8.** Memorials to Sir Henry Rushbury, Keeper of the Royal Arts 1948-1963, to Hezekiah Green 1808, who lived in Metchley Abbey, and to Robert Green 1783.

**9.** The Lady Chapel, used for daily morning prayer and a mid-week communion service. The Simcox family memorial crest (east wall) shows a beaver and three bear heads to denote their associations with North America. The window in memory of Elizabeth Dale, 1883, depicts the Ascension. The wall hanging was made by members of congregation and dedicated in 2012.

**10.** Marble and alabaster pulpit (1885). Figures at base, starting from the steps, are: St. Peter, St. Paul, Jesus, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John.

**11.** The present building is mostly Victorian but in 1974, the whole of the roof of the chancel area had to be completely rebuilt, following a fire. Victorian tiling was uncovered in the Chancel during refurbishment in 1995. The four angels in the Sanctuary (1937) and two at the Chancel entrance (1966) have different hand positions.



**12.** East Window depicts the Creation of the World. Centre panel in memory of David Cox, 19<sup>th</sup> C water colourist, buried in the churchyard.

**13.** South transept: Charity Boards show bequests to the parish poor from Dorothy Parkes, b. 1644, Elizabeth Ball, d. 1789 and Elizabeth Cowper (1590). Stained glass window in memory of Anne Roberts, widow of Revd. R.J. Roberts, Vicar 1883.

**14.** Lectern donated (1874) in memory of Charles Hart, an industrialist who lived at Harborne Hall. One of the three churchyard lychgates is a gift from him.

**15.** Organ, rebuilt and adapted in 1974 after the fire from a 1920s instrument from a church in Walsall.

**16.** Painting of St. Peter donated by the artist Dawn Cookson (1973) who trained under the famous artist Pietro Annigoni. The figure of St. Peter is based on five models: one Portuguese, two Italians and two Englishmen. The painting also shows the crossed keys, emblem of St. Peter as the Gatekeeper of Heaven.

**17.** Stained glass window in memory of the younger son of Revd. Michael Counsell, Simon, killed in a road accident aged 6 in 1984. He is shown as a young boy attending the Nativity.

**18.** Octagonal font with a different cross or shield on each facet. On the south side of the porch area there is a list of the Vicars of St. Peter's that dates back to 1255, compiled by Mr. William Hardwick (1956).

**19.** Great War memorial triptych containing book of memory. The Harborne War Memorial stands in the churchyard to the south of the building.

The churchyard, 7½ acres in size, was enlarged during the 20th century to include the area known as 'the hillyfields' but is now 'closed', i.e. not open to any burials in new plots although existing graves can be re-opened.

## The Church Hall



The building has a large main hall and two meeting rooms used by: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Sunday Youth Club, Kangas & Roos Mother and Toddler Group, Ladies Group, and outside groups. The rooms are also available for hire – contact the Parish Office.

There is a delightful garden at the back of the hall looked after by the Prime Plus ladies.



## St. Peter's Church Harborne



### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
10.00 am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b> with <b>Junior Church</b> in the Hall and <b>Crêche</b> in the Side Chapel in Church. (First Sunday in the month - <b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> )
6.30 pm	<b>Evensong (Sung Eucharist</b> first Sunday in the month)
Tuesday – Friday	9.00am <b>Morning Prayer</b>
Wednesday	10.00 am <b>Holy Communion</b>

*Oil painting of the church c. 1820*



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Enquiries about **Banns, Marriages** and **Baptism** - contact the office

## Welcome to St. Peter's Church Harborne

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There has been a church here since Saxon times. The building is Grade II listed. This leaflet takes you on a clockwise tour inside the church.

*The church is open most Thursdays  
1.00 – 3.00pm in summer*

