



St. John's Chapel - Now a private dwelling

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### *Ayleswade Bridge, East Harnham*

The house next door to the Toll House was formerly called St John's Chapel (both houses in photo gallery) on St John's Isle and is a Grade 2 listed building. It was built in the early 13th century to provide accommodation and food to pilgrims who had crossed the ford through the River Avon, which runs by the Chapel, on their route between Winchester and Wilton.

The next mention of the Chapel in the record books is early in 1500 and then again in the 19th century when it was used as a library for Canon Christopher Wordsworth, then master of St Nicholas Hospital. He was the nephew of the poet William Wordsworth.

The chapel was converted into a house and the spire removed in the 19th century. Two of the three original Early English lancet windows remain on the east wall; the other one is filled in. A double Piscina, a shallow basin placed near the altar of a church, remains at the east end of the basement. Despite the alterations the Chapel retains a lot of its former character to this day.

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