

## NOTICE IN THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES TYTHERINGTON

### The Church of St. James Tytherington

This Church, built in the early 12<sup>th</sup> Century, is reputed to be the oldest in Wiltshire.

Between 1130-47, Empress Matilda, daughter of Henry 1, had a residence in Heytesbury and endowed 28 acres of land at Tytherington to the Church, common pasture for cattle and horses – together with a manor or dwelling for two chaplains to serve St. James' Church.

The bell, set in an open cot in the in the [sic] west gable, is thought to have been cast by William Cor of Aldbourne, and is the oldest in the County.

The small rose window in the north side of the nave is early twelfth Century.

Part of the Church was restored in 1891 for one tenth of the cost today, and again in 1957, when after work was carried out the Church was declared redundant by diocesan authorities who wanted to close it down.

The people of Tytherington rejected this decision and the Church remained open.

100 years ago, the population of the village was 140 – today it is approximately 50, and once again the people have decided they want to keep their Church – and have accepted responsibility for the work of restoration, and for total up-keep of the Church and its ground, please help us with a small contribution, we are very grateful.

Undated, author not named

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