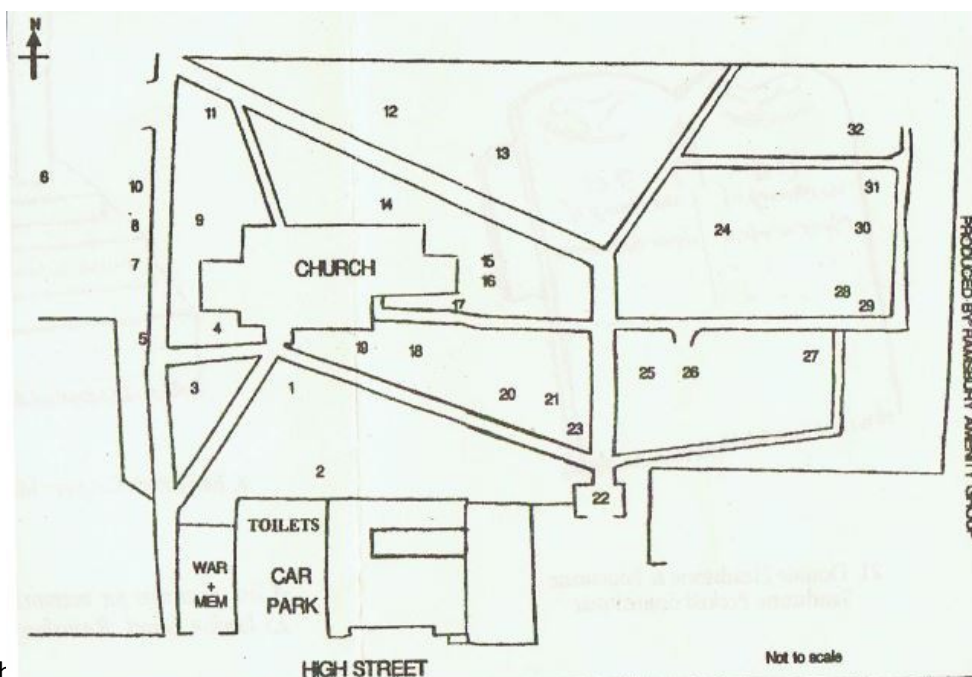




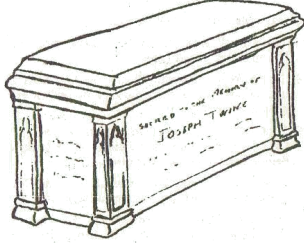
## *A WALK AROUND HOLY CROSS CHURCHYARD*

The churchyard forms the setting for the Church providing a beautiful tranquil frame, a place for the living. It contains burials from many generations, showing the Church's concern for its parishioners in this life and beyond the grave. It is a place for remembrance and contemplation. The stones tell the history of the Parish over 200 years and reflect changing attitudes and fashions. It is a haven for Nature. Its management must consider all these aspects, maybe aiming at a pleasing decay.

Leaving the church by the south porch (the main door) follow the plan looking out for the features below.



1. Two fine Maples (*Acer Pseudo Platanus Brilliantissima*), over 60 years old and a joy to be seen in spring.
2. Common Lime (*Tilea X Europea*), found on the south boundary providing shade, but needs regular pruning.



3. Table Tomb

3. Table Top Tomb of Joseph and Sophia Twine and six of their seven children who died in infancy.

4. Cross and group of flat stones to Henry Richmond Seymore, Esq. of Crowood and members of his household including Ann Spring and Jane Dean, faithful servants, and Thomas Dance, his gardener for seventy years,

5. Willow-leaved pear tree (*Pyrus Salicifolia*).

6. New Churchyard Extension.

7. Memorial to Edmund John Ludlow Whitmore who died in 1879 and Medical Officer of the parish for twenty-eight years. He lived at the bottom of Oxford Street with his large family.

8. & 9. Memorials and vault of Alfred Batson and his family who lived at Parliament Piece (formerly The Rookery).

10. Memorial to Thomas Pounds who died in 1919. He was a fellmonger and carrier on the High Street.

11. Ash-leaved Maple or Box Elder (*Acer Negundo*).

12. Memorial to Silvester Butler of the Bleeding Horse Public House who died in 1855. He was a carrier hauling coal from Hungerford.

13. Table top tomb to the memory of John Scholar who died in 1776 of the Boot Inn situated in Scholards Lane which was named after him.

14. Table top tomb of Henry Allen Esq. who died in 1797. Other family members buried within include his mother, father, wife, his six children and his sister-in-law. The tomb is a listed building in its own right.

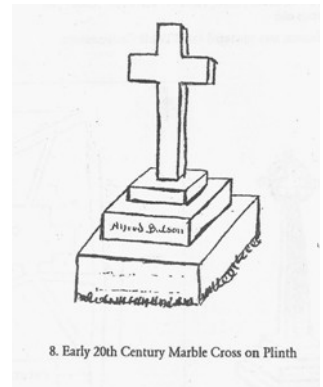
15. The oldest legible memorial in the churchyard is that of Jane, wife of William Dore who died 3rd June 1697.

16. Memorials to William Lanfear of Parktown who died aged 69 in 1821 and to his sister Mary. Also of Williams children, William of Hilldrop and his wife Mary, daughter Helen aged 9 months, daughter Sarah aged 12 years. Daughter Mary Ann Pocock wife of Samuel Pocock is remembered on a nearby memorial.

17. Flat stone in memory of Mr. Barnaby Richens, "Surgeon and Apothecary in practice.... Humane and Skillful died 1761 ... proudly placed to a husband truly worthy of commemoration".

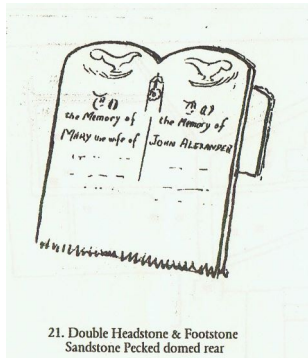
18. Small headstone of John Johnston from the parish of St. Mungo, Annandale, North Britain who died 1748. (The parish of St. Mungo is situated a few miles south of Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire heading towards Annan).

19. Table top tomb to the memory of Nathan Atherton of Town Mill who died in 1816. Atherton close in the parish is named after him.



8. Early 20th Century Marble Cross on Plinth

20. Here is a row of headstones dedicated to members of the Ashley family after whom Ashley Piece in the parish is named.



21. The headstones of the Alexander family are often visited by descendants from places as far afield as Australia, New Zealand and Canada along with family members from England. Edward Alexander died in 1807.

22. The lychgate entrance to the churchyard was erected in 1910 in memory of James Lovegrove and John Waldron of Marring Hill.

23. Here standing majestic are two London Planes (*Platanus Acerfolia*). These trees are known to be over one hundred years old.

24. The Eastern Section of the Churchyard is maintained and managed as a Wildlife Conservation area.

25. A headstone with its kerb was erected to the memory of Miriam Orchard who died in 1937. She was born in 1836 (Miriam Barrett) and married Martin Orchard in 1858. At the time of her death she was aged 101 and 10 months. She was living in a building in Blind Lane now known as 18 Union Street.

26. Here you can take a rest on the seat erected to the memory of David .

27. Blacksmith William Watts died in 1928 and a cross erected to his memory. William lived in Blind Lane now known as Union Street.



28. This Celtic style cross commemorates Major Ross who fell at Spion Kop, South Africa in 1900 and his brother who died 1899 at Port Herald in East Africa.

29. This cross was erected to the memory of Lieutenant General Lionel Barton who served 30 years in HM Diplomatic Service, Political Resident at the courts of Baroda, Kolapore, Kutch, Kattyawar. (Baroda and Kutch are now in the region of Gujarat)

30. Stephen Thomas Osmond who died in 1928 is remembered here by a headstone inscribed with his age of 81. He owned the foundry at Newtown.

31. John Audley Harrison is buried here. He died in 1877 and was for 31 years Pastor of the Congregational Church.

32. Mulberry tree (*Morus Nigra*). This tree was grown by Edwin White from a cutting of the tree planted by John Milton at St. Paul's School, London.

## Wildlife and Conservation

Regular mowing has created a fine grass sward around the church interspersed with Snowdrops, Daffodils, Primroses and Celandine. Established trees include Beech, Lime, Plane, Corsican Pine, Maple and Pear. Many small trees and shrubs have been planted at the east end, where the grass will be allowed to grow longer to encourage wild flowers, and hence birds and butterflies. Many memorials support lichens, an important part of the ecology. A seat in memory of David Waddilove allows you to sit and take in the peace and beauty of the churchyard.