



The Parish Church of Saint Denys Warminster ~ The Minster ~

Our church is known as the Minster Church probably because it was once the mother church of several dependent parishes.

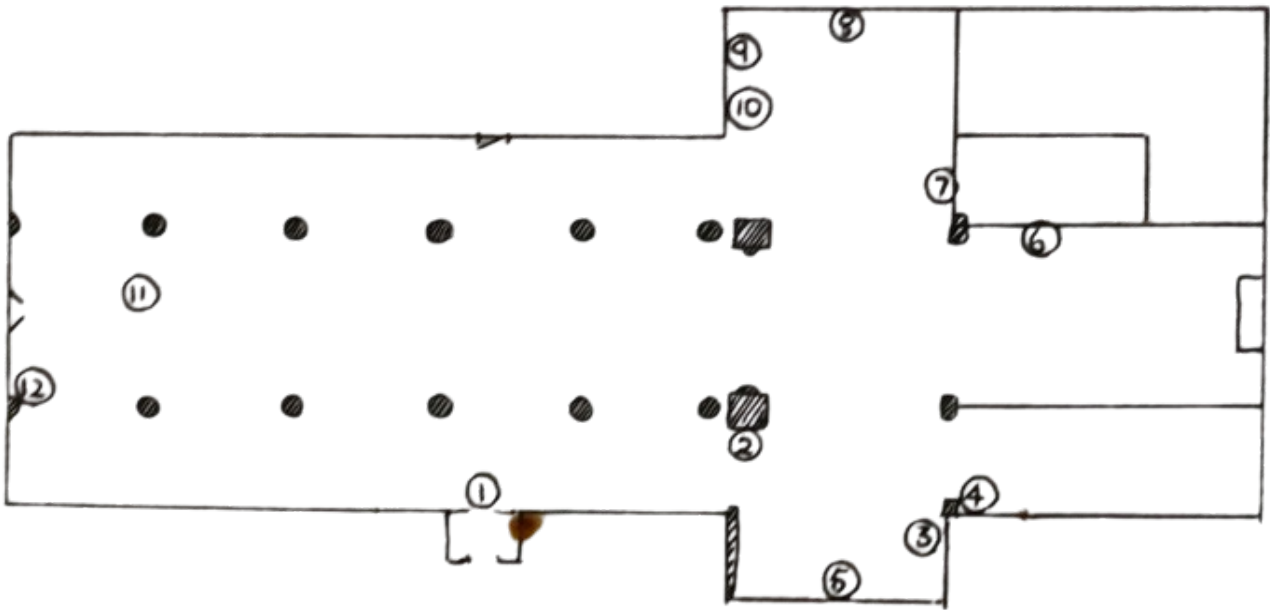
It is dedicated to St. Denys, patron saint of Paris, who was a missionary Bishop and martyr of the early Church in Gaul.

Apart from a Norman window, the earliest remaining work can be dated to the C14. This includes the tower, the lower parts of North and South walls and an arch in the South Transept.

In the time of Henry VII, the Lady Chapel was built by the Mauduit family, who were Lord's of the Manor (late C15). The Church fabric was more than once in sad state of disrepair. In 1724 a fine Georgian nave with galleries, was built on the old foundations.

The Revd. Sir James Erasmus Philipps vicar 1859-1897 did much for the Church and town. In 1885, he employed Sir Arthur Blomfield to begin extensive rebuilding at a cost of over £12,000. The tower, Lady Chapel and vestry were repaired, while the Nave was rebuilt and extended in the Victorian Perpendicular style.

This building is the present Church.



- 1 A small carving which was found during the rebuilding (1885-89) and place above the South Porch Door



- 2 One of the fine heads on a corbel of the 15th century arch between the South Transept

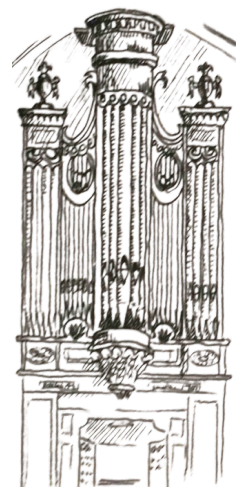


- 3 Memorial to Rev. James Erasmus Philipps Vicar 1859-1897 who employed Sir Arthur Blomfield to rebuild the present building.

- 4 Memorial to the Halliday family who held a large family box pew at this spot.

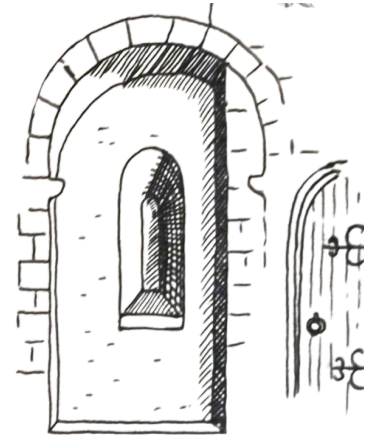
- 5 Altar frontal chest made from the Halliday pew.

- 6 The late 18th century organ made by England of London. Fine examples of wood carving.

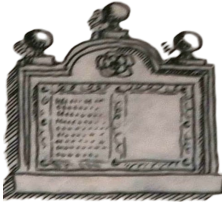


7 The oldest visible sign in the Church is the 12th Century Norman window.

8 The carved inscription on the Altar frontal chest dated 1660 the letters "N" are reversed



9 The 17th Century brass memorial to Hester Potticary who died 1673



The last two lines make up a chronogram
This is a sentence in which certain letters express by their numerical values, add up to a date, they are

"pVre YesseLs of MerCy enJoy
happIness With gOD." ~ and ~
"VertVe In her Is not WltherIng."

The capital letters are also Roman numerals one line shows; - V,V,L,M,C,I,I,V,V,I,D. These add up to the year of her death – 1673

The last line gives her age. ?

10 Oldest memorial dated 1635, to Rev. Walter Atwood for one year

11 Small brass plate with crest

Source: St. Denys paddleboard