

St Margaret's Church

St. Margaret of Antioch, Crick's ancient church, is open every day, a fact which is welcomed and commented on by visitors. It provides a quiet place for reflection by all but is also Crick's largest venue for concerts and community events.

Unfortunately, this historic building is in desperate need of major restoration. The tower is faced with soft Hartshill stone, which is crumbling badly, and several windows are in a very poor state of repair. Our bells have had to be silenced for fear of masonry being damaged by vibration.



About the church

There has been a place of worship on the site for 1,300 years, the first, Saxon, church having been a wooden structure. By 1077, a Norman church with a nave and chancel was built of stone and additions and alterations have been made ever since. The fabric suffered at the hands of Parliamentary troops on their way to the Battle of Naseby. Stained glass windows, colourful frescoes and altars with rich hangings and lights were all destroyed.

Two of St. Margaret's rectors have been notable for very different reasons: one was Archbishop William Laud, who was martyred in 1645 and the second was Stephen Fowler, who was ejected from office in 1662 for failing to conduct services as prescribed in that year's Act of Uniformity!

The centuries-old tradition of worship continues to this day, with residents marking events in their lives – baptisms, weddings and funerals – as well as gathering for worship on Sundays and during the week. Special services are held at times such as Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Day.

Various concerts take place, some making use of the nationally important organ, and there is a monthly village market.

You are most welcome to attend any of our services or simply to drop into the church at other times.



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