

# welcome to all saints church waterden

All Saints' Church is an ancient and spiritual place. There may have been a church on or near this site for about 1,000 years. Its fortunes have fluctuated over the centuries as the unusual features of the building suggest. The village it served, mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, has vanished. But All Saints' remains active as a place of worship and is open to everyone.



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## Ancient building steeped in mystery

The ruins at its west end are thought to be a collapsed part of the nave. On the south side, outlines of arches indicate that there was another aisle and chapel. Seventeenth century windows there and in the east end suggest extensive repairs at that time. Several features, such as the small windows high up on the north side, may have Anglo-Saxon origins. However, the two Norman doorways, dating from the 12th century, are the oldest undisputed features.



## Country church and its lost village

There is a stone boundary marker on the right where the track enters the churchyard. It was probably one of several that marked where church land and lay land met. Graves point to centuries of use down to today. In the north-west corner, a small path leads to a bridge across a stream. The public footpath on the other side was the village's main street, from which villagers probably entered the church.



## Visitor information

All Saints' Church is a Chapel of Ease in the Parish of South Creake with Waterden and part of the Creakes Benefice.

The church was extensively restored in 2018-19 with generous support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Norfolk Churches Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Geoffrey Watling Charity and the Holkham Estate. The architects were Nicholas Warns Architects and the principal contractors were Phoenix Build.

The Friends of All Saints' Waterden help the Benefice to maintain the church for future generations.

To help preserve the unique character of this place, please note:

- Dogs should be kept on a lead.
- Respect the surrounding farmland, crops and animals.
- Camping, fires and metal detectors are forbidden. Drones can only be flown with permission.
- Any damage to the church or churchyard and their contents is an offence.

## Parking

Parking is in the small car park just inside the entrance from the lane or on the verge of the lane.

## Accessibility

The grassy track from the lane and car park is quite rough and may not be suitable for wheel chair users and people with disabilities.

## Opening times and services

The church is always open. We have regular services in the summer and a Christmas Eve Carol Service.

## More information

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## Friends of All Saints' Waterden

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