

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, TISBURY



2022

The installation of a new stained glass window, and the Tom Denny design, have been approved by the Cathedral.

2012-2022

Applications to the Cathedral were made to commission a new stained glass window, paid for from fundraising events by the St John's church family. From the top 10 national stained glass artists and initial proposals, Tom Denny was selected. His design can be seen in the St Andrew's chapel.



2012

The structural inspection of the church noted that essential repairs to the masonry and ironwork were necessary, which would require that the east window be removed. Extensive consultation with heritage bodies has been undertaken with the final conclusion that the Clutterbuck stained glass is beyond satisfactory restoration. Replacement with plain glass was offered as a solution.



1960s

The Clutterbuck window was unfortunately inadequately fired. As a result it has been deteriorating over time - the images have faded and detail lost. Crude attempts at restoration by overpainting in the 1960s were unsuccessful, and caused further damage.



1910/1911

NOTABLE BURIALS

Rudyard Kipling's parents lived in Tisbury and are buried in the churchyard.



1861

Designed by Charles Clutterbuck in 1860, the East Window at St John's was his last window before he died in 1861. It was donated to St John's by the Rogers family.



1649

NOTABLE BURIALS

Members of the Arundell family of Wardour Castle are buried here, including Ann who married the second Lord Baltimore and with him became the founder of the new American State of Maryland.

Helmet worn by the first Lord Arundell



Ann Arundell

1590

NOTABLE BURIALS

Lawrence Hyde, memorialised with one of the oldest brasses in England, is the great grandfather to two Queens of England.



Queen Mary II Queen Ann



1180-1200

A Norman Church was built - 'the largest church in its part of Wiltshire' (Pevsner)

In the church yard is an ancient yew tree, reputed to be well over 2,000 years old, and perhaps the second oldest in Britain. It was probably a gathering place before any church building existed.

