

Book Reviews

ST PETER'S CHURCH MARTLEY - A HISTORY

by Jeremy Campbell Grant

Back in October 1996 in issue 21, I ran an article about Sir Hugh Mortimer, who is buried in this church, and who was killed at the battle of Wakefield. The author had written a series of articles for the parish magazine and planned to include them in a book about the history of the church, so I asked him to let me know when it was published. Both of us promptly forgot all about this request!

The book was published last November, and in January Jeremy suddenly remembered his promise. He sent me some reviews, and I bought a copy, not least because the profits go to the church's Fabric Fund.

His clearly written book tells the story of the church, its treasures, and the people associated with it over the centuries since Saxon times. It's well laid out and informative, and makes fascinating reading. Anyone with an interest in churches and their history, and how that history was shaped by events in England, will find this book worth reading.

It's also another local church with Yorkist connections, thanks to the tomb and a link with Fotheringhay. Tim Bridges showed a slide of the wall paintings during his talk on February 10th.

Copies are available from Waterstones in Worcester priced £12.95, or by post at £14.60 from Beacon Books, Worcester Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, or Jeremy Campbell Grant, Fairlawn, Imperial Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AT, when the cost includes £1.65 p & p.

CHURCHES OF WORCESTERSHIRE by Tim Bridges

An invaluable guide to the 270 Anglican churches in Worcestershire, detailing the main features of each both internally and externally. The first two chapters cover the history of church building in the county, church decoration, fittings and settings. Definitely one to dip into time and time again. A copy of this book is in our branch library, or you can buy a copy for £12.95 from W. H. Smith. Tim is donating some of the proceeds to the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust, of which he is a trustee.

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