

Discover some of the oldest features of Nottinghamshire churches, along with some unique, little-known or otherwise important aspects that you may not have heard of before...



Averham, St Michael & All Angels – oldest standing church

Oldest part of building: Saxon, perhaps pre-10th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG23 5RB **Number of bells:** 6
Access: The keyholders' contact details are available on the church noticeboard.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/averham>

Blyth, St Mary & St Martin – significant wall paintings

Oldest part of building: Early Norman, 11th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: S81 8GW **Number of bells:** 6
Access: This church is open on the 4th Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm. At other times a key can be obtained from Mrs M Eagle at Ivy Cottage (proximate to the church) 01909 591837
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/blyth>

Carlton-in-Lindrick, St John the Evangelist – second oldest church

Oldest part of building: Anglo-Saxon, probably early 11th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: S81 9EG **Number of bells:** 3
Access: This church is generally open to visitors all year round during school term time; Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/carlton-in-lindrick>

Caythorpe, St Aidan – last 'tin tabernacle'

Oldest part of building: 1901
English Heritage listing: not listed
Location: NG14 7EB **Number of bells:** 1
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/caythorpe-st-aidan-mission-church
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/caythorpe>

East Leake, St Mary – oldest clock

Oldest part of building: Norman, perhaps c.1100
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Number of bells: 7 **Location:** LE12 6LE
Access: This church is generally open every day from 9:30am – dusk. Contact details can be found at www.east-leake.co.uk/2906
History: - coming soon to the CHP website

Egmanton, Our Lady of Egmanton – significant decoration

Oldest part of building: 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG22 0HN **Number of bells:** 3
Access: This church is generally open to visitors every Thursday, 2pm – 4pm April – September. Keyholders' contact details are on the church noticeboard for arranging access at other times.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/egmanton>

Farndon, St Peter – oldest (easily visible) doorway

Oldest part of building: Saxon-Norman, 11th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG24 3SG **Number of bells:** 4
Access: [H to check]
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/farndon>

Fledborough, St Gregory – oldest stained glass

Oldest part of building: 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG22 0UU **Number of bells:** 2
Access: The church is usually open daily as it is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/fledborough>

Girton, St Cecilia – oldest grave-marker in Nottinghamshire

Oldest part of building: 13th century
English Heritage listing: Grade II
Location: NG23 7JA **Number of bells:** 1

Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/girton-st-cecilia
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/girton>

Hawton, All Saints – finest Easter Sepulchre

Oldest part of building: Early English, late 13th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG24 3RN **Number of bells:** 4
Access: The church keyholders' contact details are available on the church noticeboard and at www.friendsofhawtonchurch.org
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/hawton>

Hickling, St Luke – earliest monument

Oldest part of building: 14th century but with late 13th century south door
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: LE14 3AQ **Number of bells:** 7
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/hickling-st-luke/
History: - coming soon to the CHP website

Laxton, St Michael the Archangel – rare pre-Reformation liturgical feature

Oldest part of building: 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG22 0NX **Number of bells:** 6
Access: This church is generally open every day.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/laxton>

Lenton, Holy Trinity – finest Norman font

Oldest part of building: 1842
English Heritage listing: Grade II*
Location: NG7 2FF **Number of bells:** 8
Access: Contact details can be found at www.lentonparish.org.uk/ContactUs.aspx
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/lenton-holy-trinity>

Littleborough, St Nicholas – oldest bell

Oldest part of building: Norman (with some Roman brick and tile fragments)
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: DN22 0HD **Number of bells:** 2
Access: The church is usually open daily as it is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/littleborough>

Maplebeck, St Radegund – oldest altar

Oldest part of building: Perhaps 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG22 0BS **Number of bells:** 5
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/maplebeck-st-radegund
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/maplebeck>

Newark, St Mary Magdalene – tallest church & oldest brass

Oldest part of building: Around 1180
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG24 1JS **Number of bells:** 10
Access: This church is generally open every day.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/newark-st-mary>

Orston, St Mary – oldest intact roof

Oldest part of building: 13th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG13 9NT **Number of bells:** 6
Access: This church is generally open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays all year round.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/orston>

South Scarle, St Helena – oldest pews

Oldest part of building: Norman
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG23 7JH **Number of bells:** 5

For more information about this exciting and innovative project please see: www.nottsopenchurches.org.uk

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Are you fascinated by church history? Find out more on the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Church History Project website



Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/south-scarle-st-helena
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/south-scarle>

Southwell Minster – largest church

Oldest part of building: 1108 (but with a Saxon-Norman tympanum)
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG25 0HW **Number of bells:** 13
Access: The Minster is open every day from 8am – 7pm.
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/southwell-minster>

Stapleford, St Helen – oldest cross

Oldest part of building: 13th century
English Heritage listing: church – Grade II*; cross – Grade I
Location: NG9 8FN **Number of bells:** 6
Access: Contact details can be found at www.staplefordparish.org.uk/ContactUs.aspx
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/stapleford-st-helen>

Sutton on Trent, All Saints – rare rood screen and loft

Oldest part of building: 13th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG23 6PD **Number of bells:** 8
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/sutton-on-trent-all-saints
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/sutton-on-trent>

Teversal, St Katherine – oldest door and oldest gallery

Oldest part of building: 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG17 3LH **Number of bells:** 5
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/teversal-st-katherine
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/teversal>

West Bridgford, St Giles – oldest screen

Oldest part of building: 13th century
English Heritage listing: Grade II
Location: NG2 6AY **Number of bells:** 9
Access: Contact details can be found at www.stgilesparish.com
History: - coming soon to the CHP website

West Markham, All Saints – oldest font

Oldest part of building: Early Norman, probably 11th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG22 0GT **Number of bells:** 1
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/markham-clinton-west-markham-all-saints
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/west-markham>

Wysall, Holy Trinity – earliest pulpit

Oldest part of building: 12th century
English Heritage listing: Grade I
Location: NG12 5QS **Number of bells:** 3
Access: Contact details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/wysall-holy-trinity
History: <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/wysall>

