

Parish Church. It seems clear that the Christian religion had been established in (Cobridge) long before the Norman occupation.

The Church so singularly shaped that it appears at a distance like the embattled turret of an old fortress has a nave, a choir under the central tower, an aisle with an arcade of five arches, extending the whole length of the south walls of the nave & choir, and a chancel with a North aisle to it - probably a Guild Chapel, and the Vestry to the East was an Almonry. The tower is of a military type and is somewhat unique. The recesses in the ringing chamber might have been used to store "arrows". The moulded capitals and pointed arches of the interior indicate that it is Early English in style. The South aisle was built at a much later date. An entry in the Durham Register under date of 1921, states that it was erected in 1493 by Anne Neville, Lady Anne of Warwick.

Chancel	50'	long	by	17' 3"	wide
Nave	61'	long	by	25' 6"	wide
South Aisle	83' 9"	long	by		wide
Guild Chapel	25' 6"	long	by	16' 6"	wide
Vestry	12' 6"	long	by	9' 6"	wide
North Porch	11'	long	by	8' 3"	wide.

The Restoration of the Nave was commenced 13th April 1925 and completed 26th June 1926 (Services held at Tom. Hall) at a cost of £ Mr. Guy Clarke of Leeds was the Architect & Mr. Herbert Thomas of (Cobridge) the Contractor.

The Heating Apparatus was installed by Messrs Hilt & Sons Bradford in October 1926 at a cost of £481. 10. 0. Mr. Edward Corbett, Bradford Architect.

Electric Lighting. Installed by Messrs L.S.A. Phillips & Sons. (Cobridge) in 1932 at a cost of £116. 7. 0. Switched on November 10. 1932 by the Mayor. Ald: A. T. Mills, Deputy Mayor Ald T. J. Forster, Town Clerk, G. S. Gynn, Churchwardens: V. S. Gynn & C. E. Corne Williams, Mr. Evans, Eastfield, Mrs. Margaret Jenkins (Auntie), Mr. W. R. McAdams, Mr. J. P. Marks, Organist, Miss Jane Pees, Jarrow, Mr. Alan Warren, Rev. T. Parry Price, Vicar. St. Catherine's, Pontypridd.

Tower. The Roof was restored in August 1935 at a cost of £145.0.0
Ceiling to Ringing Chamber in September 1935 at a cost of £25.0.0
Ringing Chamber Floor, restored in July 1936 at a cost of £48.0.0

Bells. The whole ring is very interesting as the only ring of eight cast by the joint founders, Evan and William Evans of Chepstow, 1722, and surviving to this day intact.



The Bells were removed and sent to Merris Taylor & Co. Bell Founders Longborough in June (Whitsun) 1935 to be reconditioned. They were rehung in September, and re-dedicated October 2nd 1935, by the Rev. Fredric Hood, Principal of Pusey House, Oxford, grandson of the Venerable Archdeacon Fredric Edmond, and great-grandson of Canon Thomas Edmond, a former Incumbent.

The Sanctus Bell, used as fire-bell and curfew, is of ancient shape, with inscription. For many years it rested at the top of the turret stair leading to the belfry. This bell is now incorporated in the steel frame. In days long by the bell was called Mary Rose. When heard by the children they hid homewards. It was wont to be rung at 8 p.m. from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and for the rest of the year at 6 a.m.



All the eight bells bear a medallion of the arms of [parish], with motto encircling them.

Inscriptions.

- (Treble) O Evan Evans Wm Evans Bell Founders 1722
- (2) O Richard Gregory Peckon Benefactor DAN L Duxell Schoolmaster Benefactor 1722
- (3) O Mr Math^r Matthews Mr Hester Wilkins Benefactors
E E Ⓞ W E Ⓞ 1722
- (4) O Wm Davis John Slyden ALDn Benefactors
E E Ⓞ W E Ⓞ 1722
- (5) O Rich: Bates Tho: Bates Aldermen Benefactors
E E Ⓞ W E Ⓞ 1722

(6) O THO: WILKINS IEN: WILLIAMS GENT ALDERN BENEFAC S
EE  WE  1722

(7) O EDW: CARVE ROG: WILKINS ESQRS BAYLIFFS BENEFAC TORS
EE  WE  1722

(8) O FRANCIS GWYN ESQR MAYOR EDW: STRADLING ESQR
DEP. MAYOR BENEFAC TORS
EE  WE  ~~177~~ 1722

The O is the medallion of the Arms of the Borough
The bells are mounted in steel frames, resting on steel girders,
replacing the old frames. This work was executed at the same
time as when the bells were reconditioned, by Messrs Taylor at a
cost of £367. A hatch in both ceiling & floor of ringing chamber.
The bells when reconditioned were turned a quarter.

See the fore-mentioned Memorials and additions viz restoration of nave,
kiosk, bells, electric lighting, heating & were carried out during the
incumbency of Herbert Williams, instituted & inducted 23rd Eby 1924.

FURNITURE.

One Oak Altar

One Oak Veneer Table - IN MEMORY of Florence W. Williams. doubletun 11/2/29

Two Oak Chairs in Sanctuary

One Brass Altar Desk

Two Brass Altar Candelsticks

Two Brass Branch Candelsticks

One Brass Altar Rails with slides at Centre.

Four Oak Wands surmounted by brass cross

One Brass Eagle Lectern, inscribed:

One Brass Pulpit Desk to which is fitted a brass electric tubular fitting,
inscribed:

One Brass Pulpit Rail.

One Stone Pulpit

One Two manual Organ.

One Harmonium.

One Stone Tomb & Cover.

One Altar Desk
Presented by
H. Morgan, B.A.
Dec 1948

Furniture (cont)

One pair of
Seating.

Hangings at the West Door.

The Pews in the Church are all for the use of Parishioners in common at the assignment of the Churchwardens, and will accommodate

Box (by door) containing three dozen Prayer Books & Hymns the gift of Mr. David Brown, Churchwarden.
Offerings Box by South Porch.

Vestry

One Deal Table.

One Deal Cupboard for the use of the Clergy

One Old Oak Cupboard used to keep Wine & Candles etc.

Two Iron Safes

One Chair

One Wall Mirror (wherein the Clergy may see themselves as others see them)

One wooden case containing:-

Chalice Veils:

1 White

1 Red

2 Green

2 Purple

1 White Silk Veil

1 Fair linen Veil.

3 Fair linen Cloths

4 Credence Table Cloths.

2 linen Corporals with lace at ends

4 Corporals Purificators

Book Markers.

3 White

4 Green

1 Red

2 Purple (old).

2 Palls One large & one small.

Burses. 1 White. 1 Green. 1 Red. 1 Purple.