

St. Nicholas' Church. Willoughby.

The Church possessed a gallery at the west end, the entrance to which was in the tower. The outline can still be seen.

The gallery was taken down when the organ was bought and the wood used to make screens between body of Church and vestry and also around organ. Old account books have entries for violin strings, thus it can be assumed that singing was accompanied by stringed instruments

Until 1911, the Church was heated by a coal fired stove heated beneath grating in N. & S. aisle, subsequently replaced by hot water system in 19 . and changed to electrically heated system at a cost of £340.00 approximately.

Lighting was by means of paraffin oil lamps until 1936 when the village was supplied by electric power and the Church was one of the first buildings to be installed with electric light

In 1962, dry rot was found under the pews on the north side of the centre aisle. The pews were removed and new joists fitted. The wall and pews by the south wall were at this time found to be in a damp and rotten condition. The pews were removed completely and the baptistry made, the font being moved to the west of the N, & S. aisle. At this time the roof was entirely retiled and the outside fabric and half way up the tower restored, and the inside of the Church redecorated.

Dates and events.

- 1904. Rev. H. Deanis retires.
- 1906. Rev. W. Failes inducted.
- 1913. Rev. Failes replaced by Rev. Tretnewy.
- 1923. Bell fund started.
- 1926. Bells first rung on Boxing Day.
- 1927. Rev. Tretnewy retires.
- 1929. Rev. Tonge.
- 1937. Rev. Tonge retires.
- 1937. Rev. Rennison.
- 1944. Rev; Rennison retires.
- 1957. Rev. Barham inducted.
- 1972. Rev. Barham retires.
Rev. Gerald Knight.
- 1976. Rev Gerald Knight retires.