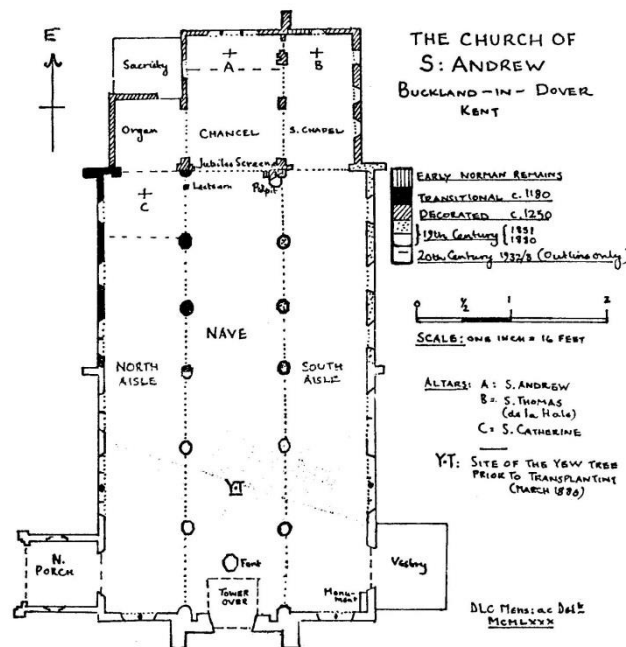


IMPORTANT DATES AND A BRIEF HISTORY

- c4thC Roman remains in Buckland.
- 619 St Martin's le Grand was founded in Dover. Stone remains found suggest they had a place of worship in Buckland.
- 1086 The Domesday Book mentions a church at Buckland.
- 1180 A stone Church is built on the site.
- 1234 The Pope confirms the Church at Buckland is in the possession of the monks at St Martin's Priory.
- 1247 Revd Ralph Bertram is the first recorded parish priest at Buckland.
- 1295 Thomas de la Hale, a monk at the Priory is martyred by French raiders. The south chapel is dedicated to his memory.
- 1535 The church was passed into the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1839 Buckland School was founded.
- 1845 Two cottages were purchased (The Pineapple Inn and Victoria Tea Gardens) to form the Rectory.
- 1851 The south chapel was first extended (see diagram of the church).
- 1880 The church was extended further (see diagram). This involved the move of the Yew Tree to its present site, this was achieved using rollers and pulleys.
- 1884 The Willis 2 manual tracker action organ was installed.



- 1887 The font, made of Cornish marble was installed to mark the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.
- 1891 The lychgate was built.
- 1897 The wrought iron chancel screen was erected to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.
- 1902 The daughter church of St Barnabas was built at the corner of Cherry Tree Avenue and Barton Road. It became a separate parish in 1903 until the building was destroyed in WW2.
- 1931/2 The choir vestry and sacristy were built in memory of Oscar Clayton Worthington and this enabled the south chapel to be opened up and dedicated to St Thomas de la Hale.

- 1946 The Buckland estate was built in Buckland Valley and a conventional district was constituted to serve the area. A pre-fabricated church was built.
- 1960 The present church of St Nicholas was built and dedicated.
- 1968 Buckland School was closed and part of it retained as a parish centre.
- 1971 The bells were re-hung. One bell dates back to the mid 15thC.
- 1974 St Nicholas Buckland Valley became a Parish within the Benefice of Buckland.
- 1980 St Catherine's chapel was rededicated by the Bishop of Dover, having been refurbished in memory of Miss Amy Yarrow.
- 1995 The 700th Anniversary of St Thomas de la Hale's martyrdom was marked with a special service and the dedication of a commemorative icon.
- 1997 The Bell tower was re-shingled. Many of the shingles were inscribed to the memory of loved ones – their names are displayed in a special book kept in the church.
- 2000 The Buckland Mill closed and the site earmarked for development.
- 2006 The parish centre was sold to local developers.
- 2010 Following pastoral reorganisation the parishes of Buckland-in-Dover and Buckland Valley combined to form a single parish benefice of Buckland-in-Dover.

The ancient Buckland Yew Tree suggests that Christian worship has taken place on the site for many centuries, possibly as long as the Christian message came to these shores.

The present church dates back to 1180, but the Domesday Book records the fact that there was already a church on the site by 1086.

The church is dedicated to St Andrew, Apostle and Martyr (feast day 30th November). The East window depicts St Andrew kneeling at the side of Our Lord Jesus Christ clutching the church of Buckland in his hands.

The North chapel is dedicated to St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (feast day 25th November). According to tradition she was tortured by being splayed on a wheel and then beheaded. She gives her name to the 'Catherine wheel'.

The South chapel is dedicated to 'St' Thomas de la Hale, Monk and Martyr (feast day 2nd August). Thomas was a local monk martyred in 1295 by French raiders as they sacked the Priory of St Martin.

The Blessed Sacrament is Reserved in St Thomas' chapel.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

10.30am **Parish Eucharist** except on:

2nd Sunday – **Andy's Invite**
A shorter informal family-friendly service

4th Sunday – **Family Eucharist**
A shorter family-friendly sung communion service

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
by arrangement

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A BRIEF HISTORY



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**A site where Christians have
worshipped continuously for
over 1,000 years**

As at January 2018