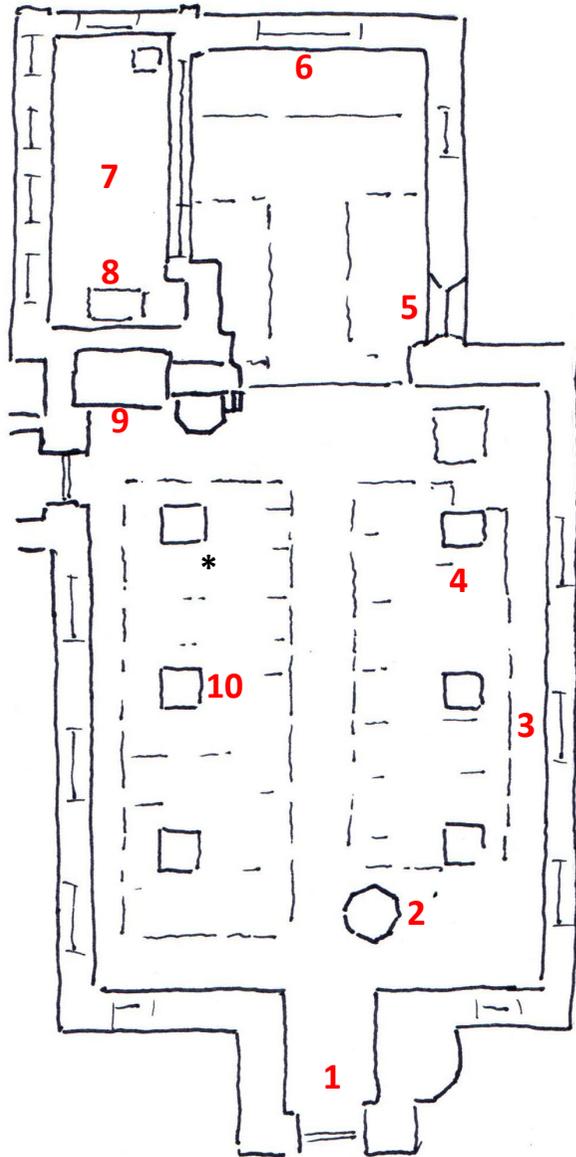


## Plan Floor Plan of the Church (Points of interest numbered)



← North

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The church is part of Eden Churches  
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We are also part of Eden Wild Goose  
which is an initiative of the local churches.  
Our purpose is to explore different ways  
of celebrating and enjoying  
life in all its fullness.

### Church Services

Please see the notice board in the Lychgate  
for service times at either of the Eden  
Churches. There is also a Methodist Church  
here in Wetheral and a Roman Catholic  
Church in Warwick Bridge on the A69.

### Donations

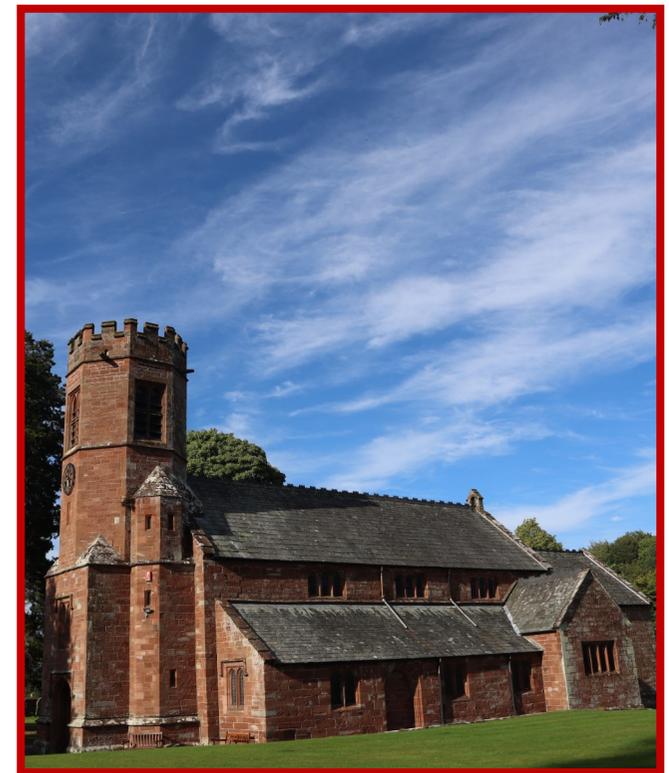
Donations can be left in the black metal box  
by the first pew as you enter church  
or you may also use the card reader.  
Our thanks.

### Village Amenities

There is a general store with a café on the  
Green. The Crown Hotel, Fantails Restaurant  
and The Wheatsheaf Pub offer food and drink.  
The Railway Station is a short walk  
from the church.

## Leaflet 1

# Visitor Guide Wetheral Parish Church



**Holy Trinity and St Constantine**  
We hope you enjoy your visit here.

**Please sign the Visitor's Book before you leave.**

## Welcome

There is in our possession an ancient Saxon stone, probably part of a preaching cross, possibly destroyed by Viking raiders. Christians would have met on this site several hundreds of years ago. Later, the Church building was initially dedicated to St Constantine who was a Scottish king in Strathclyde. He relinquished his throne to become a monk.

In 1130 the site was chosen by the Norman Ranulph Meschin, for its beneficial location for an Abbey. Benedictine Monks from St Mary's Abbey York relocated to the new Priory. Their presence is clearly seen in the names of two Abbots inscribed over the outside of the Priest's door on the south side of the Church. When the Priory was dissolved in 1538 the Abbot became vicar of the parish of Wetheral with Warwick. The Gatehouse is one of the most obvious remains of the Priory which is now looked after by English Heritage and is in easy walking distance of the Church.

The church building dates from the 13th century and has been added to over the centuries. The external features strongly reflect the 16th century. A square tower was added by a wealthy wool merchant in 1762 and this was later replaced by the octagonal one in 1882.

The atmosphere in the Church is peaceful. Worshippers have been blessed by God here over many centuries and we hope and pray that God's blessing will be a comfort and inspiration to you too. Enjoy your visit.

## Points of interest

**1.The West window.** Mediaeval glass illustrating St Constantine and St Mary. Around the edges are four kneeling donors in blue cloaks with their respective coats-of-arms.

**2. The Font.** Where baptisms took place was built in the 13th century.

**3.The remaining stained glass windows.** Except for the west window, the stained glass is all Victorian. In the south transept all the windows are by Heaton, Butler and Bayne of London.

**4.The Columns.** These are 13<sup>th</sup> Century making up four bays. Over one of the arches on the north side is an alpha and omega stone mason's sign .\*

**5.The Priests' door.** On the south side behind the choir stalls through which it is said the choir boys used to 'escape' during sermons! Outside and over the door lintel the names of Wm Wedderhall and Wm Thornton, Priors of the Priory, are inscribed.

**6. The East Window, 1860.** It is in High Victorian style and depicts the ascension of Christ. It is constructed by Cox, Sons, Buckley and co.

**7.The Howard Chapel.** This mausoleum was added to the Church in 1791 by Henry Howard. He commissioned James Wyatt to construct the chapel and it demonstrates the earliest use of cast iron for the window frames. This is kept locked for security of the priceless statue.

**8.The Nollekens Statue.** Commissioned by Henry Howard, this life-size sculpture of 'Faith' by Joseph Nollekens RA was in memory of Henry's wife who died in childbirth with her stillborn baby. Wordsworth, upon visiting, wrote '*Art triumphant over strife and pain hath powers to Eternity endeared.*' (See leaflet number 2)

**9.The Salkeld Tomb chest, 1546.** Effigies of Sir Richard Salkeld and his wife Lady Jane, who lived at Corby Castle. The Castle was later sold to the Howard family who are related to the Dukes of Norfolk (see Leaflet number 3).

**10. Names of Clergy** dating back to 1175 are recorded on the pillars, the first was Richard Chaplain.

*Please do not assume complete historical accuracy in this locally produced leaflet.*

### Thoughts for further exploration.

Belief can be hard these days, especially if we are to be honest with ourselves and with God.

We invite you to spend some time during your visit to be still and quiet.

Remember that prayer is not only talking to God, it is every bit as much about listening to God.

Don't necessarily try to find God, let God find you.