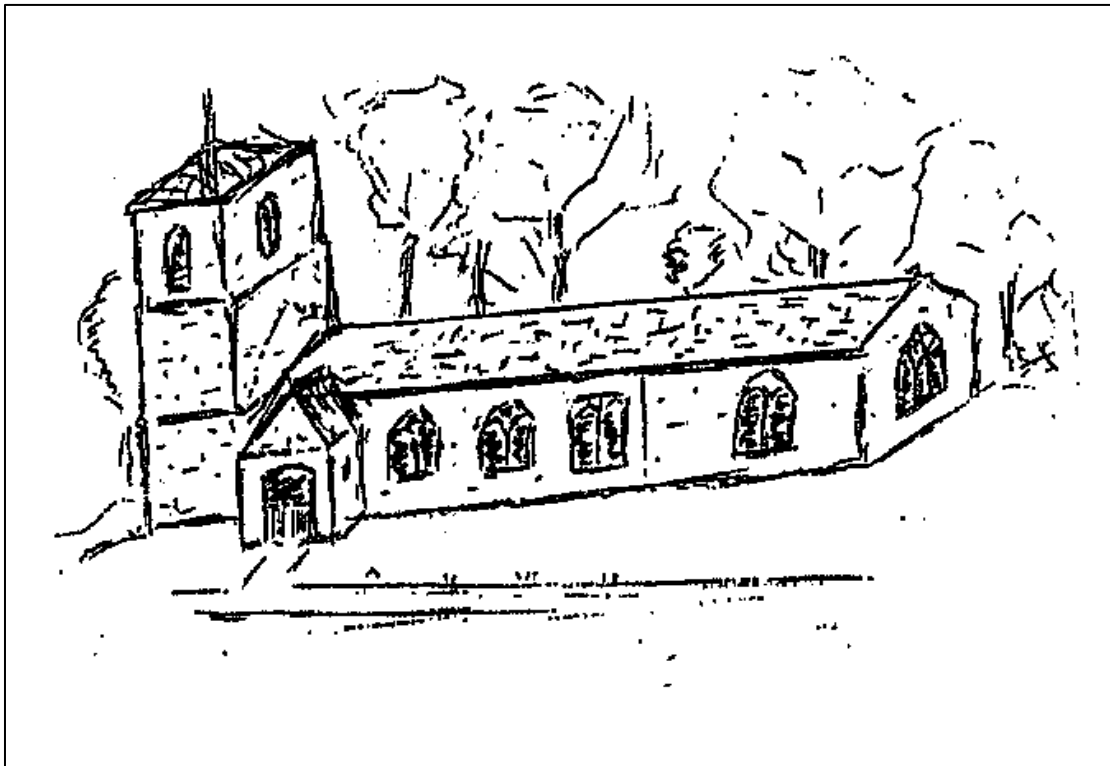


Little Stretton Church

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**The Chapel of Ease St Clement
Stretton Parva**

**In the Parish of
St John the Baptist
Kings Norton
(from 1988 – The Gaulby Group)**

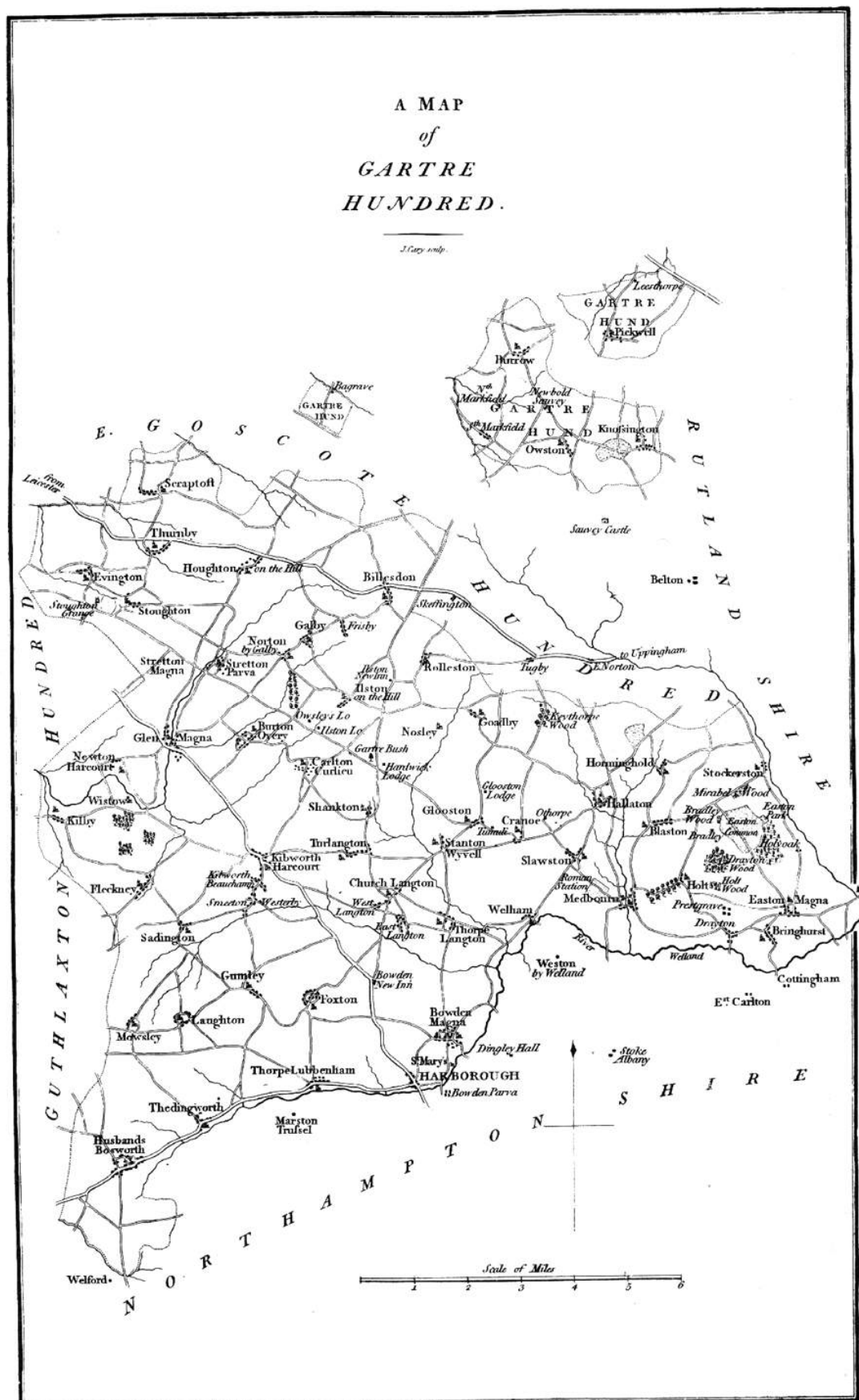


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About The Church

Since about 1220, when Little Stretton chapel was said to be served 3 days a week from the mother church of King's Norton, and probably from the beginning of the chapel's existence, the advowson (a right of presentation to a benefice) of the chapel has been in the hands of the patron of King's Norton. A service was held in the chapel each Sunday in 1607 but by the end of the 18th century the chapel was served only 4 times a year.

In 1344 John atte Hall of Little Stretton was licensed to alienate 40s. rent there, and in Cossington to Owston Abbey for the maintenance of a chantry (endowment for priest to celebrate masses) in the chapel.

The chapel of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST is situated on the west side of the village. It is built of ironstone with limestone dressings and consists of an aisleless nave and chancel under one roof with a west tower and south porch. It dates from the late 12th century to which period belong the west and side walls of the nave, including the north and south doorways. These both have round arches, simple abaci, and plain jambs, all of limestone. The south door has an outer order decorated with round-billet ornament; the north door is blocked, the result of an order made in 1832 and fulfilled by 1835. There are no Norman windows surviving and the whole of the north wall of the church is now without windows of any period. In the south wall there are five windows, the earliest of which, though restored, has forking tracery of c. 1300, at which time the church was enlarged by rebuilding the chancel so that its side walls were aligned with those of the nave. The remaining windows on this side are of two lights, two with reticulated tracery under pointed arches and two with cusped lights under square heads, all work of the later 14th century. The east window, of three lights with restored trefoil heads, was inserted late in the 15th century; the coping at this end retains stones in situ from an earlier more steeply-pitched roof.

The west tower is small, unbuttressed, and rises in three stages defined by limestone strings to a low-pitched pyramidal roof. It was added late in the 13th century but work of this period is confined to the lowest stage which was encased about a hundred years later when the upper stages were rebuilt. The tower arch and altered lancets in the east and west walls are the remains of the earlier tower; the tower arch has a two-centred rear arch which is rebated as if to carry a door. The former lancet opening in the west wall now contains a cross-shaped loophole.

Above this in the central stage is a quatrefoil opening. The belfry stage has tall Perpendicular two-light transomed (horizontal bar of wood or stone across window or top of door) openings except on the north side where there is a single-light opening with a mutilated cinquefoiled (five cusped ornament in circle or arch) head. These window openings are a curious mixture of ironstone and limestone and the tracery appears to be badly fitted. On the east face of the tower is preserved the weathering of an earlier nave roof.

The south porch has a brick front and segmental entrance arch of the early 18th century; the white wooden gate may date from 1795 when a gate was ordered to be placed in the porch to keep out children and cattle. A tablet in the nave records the re-opening of the church in 1899 after its restoration through the generosity of Miss Louisa King, Mr. and Mrs. Powys-Keck, and others. The architect for the restoration was Henry L. Goddard of Leicester. This work included the roof, which had last undergone a major alteration in 1796 when it was covered in Swithland slates in place of lead and a ceiling was inserted. The east window and many of the south side windows appear to have been partly renewed at this time by Goddard. The large brick buttresses against the north wall were probably built shortly after the blocking of the north doorway in 1832-5. Extensive traces of slate hanging on the external walls of the eastern half of the church may represent an economical means of protecting the masonry early in the 19th century.

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Internally there are a few early fittings preserved of which the oldest is the octagonal stone font of c1300 which has side panels decorated with two plain blank pointed arches; the intermediate panels are slightly more elaborate with cusped arches. A side bench nearby has a bench-end with a poppy head, Other plainer bench-ends, also re-used, of late medieval appearance are preserved at the west end of the nave.

A small locker in the north wall of the chancel has a frame and door of 17th-century date. It was an 'aumbrey' for the pre-reformation practice of reserving or setting aside the bread and wine used in Holy Communion.

The communion rail has heavy turned balusters and finials and dates from the early 17th century; a similar rail with balusters now serves as the front of the choir stalls on the south side of the chancel. It may have originated from the screen that separated the chancel from the nave in 1776, when it was reported, together with other fittings, to be dilapidated. The hexagonal pulpit with fielded panels, cornice, and decorative book-rest dates from 1776-7.

The bell, presently standing close to the font, was apparently removed from the belfry during the 1890 restoration because it was weakening the structure. It is believed to be one of the original ten bells at Kings Norton. It was not possible to re-hang it after the spire there was demolished in a thunderstorm in 1850.

There are no memorials earlier than the 18th century. Mural tablets include those to John Perkins (d. 1760) and his wife Susanna (d. 1749), together with their son Bartholomew (d. 1762) and his wife Mary (d. 1763). Near to the south door are tablets to Charles Seamark (d. 1755) and his wife Dorothy (d. 1776), and Jane (d. 1798), wife of the Revd. Dr. John Walker. There is one bell, made by Edward Arnold of St. Neots in 1781. The church plate consists of a silver cup, bearing the date 1782 but purchased by subscription about 1875, and two pewter plates. No early registers survive.

Rectors, Vicars and Patrons

1220	William de Kibworth	1783	Thomas Rogers
1234	Robert de Diwurne	1788	Richard Walker
1238	William Ordiz	1826	Thomas Charles Ord
1261	Simon de Slybur	1844	Hugh Palliser de Costobadie
1287	Roger de Barneburg	1887	Caleb Eacott
1391	Richard Dolleson	1911	Hubert Woodall Bevan
1534	Thomas Burg	1938	Walter Ricon Davis
1560	Thomas Riddington	1948	John Sydney Lewis David
1605	Thomas Tookie	1951	Frank Allen Cox
1671	James Rosse	1956	Edward Hudspith
1714	William Wallis	1963	Derek Henry Kingham
1726	Francis Miles	1973	Albert Edward Kemp
1733	Thomas Milward	1983	Roger Wakeley
1737	John Vann	1988	Ashley Frederick Bruce
1749	William Ludlam		Cheesman

Nonconformity

Stephen Bent's house was used as a meeting-place for dissenters in 1716. Another house was licensed in 1818.

The former Congregational Chapel bears an inscription stating that it was built at the expense of George Hudson in 1811. The Leicestershire and Rutland Congregational Union was in 1929 authorized to sell the property and apply the proceeds to support the chapel at Burton Overy. Little Stretton Chapel had then been disused for some time. It is a small red-brick building, slate-roofed and with square-framed windows, in use in 1960 as a Young Farmers' Club. It is now (2003) used as a meeting hall for the villagers.

(Reference: Victorian County History – Vol. V - Gartree Hundred)

Views of the Church and Gravestones in Little Stretton



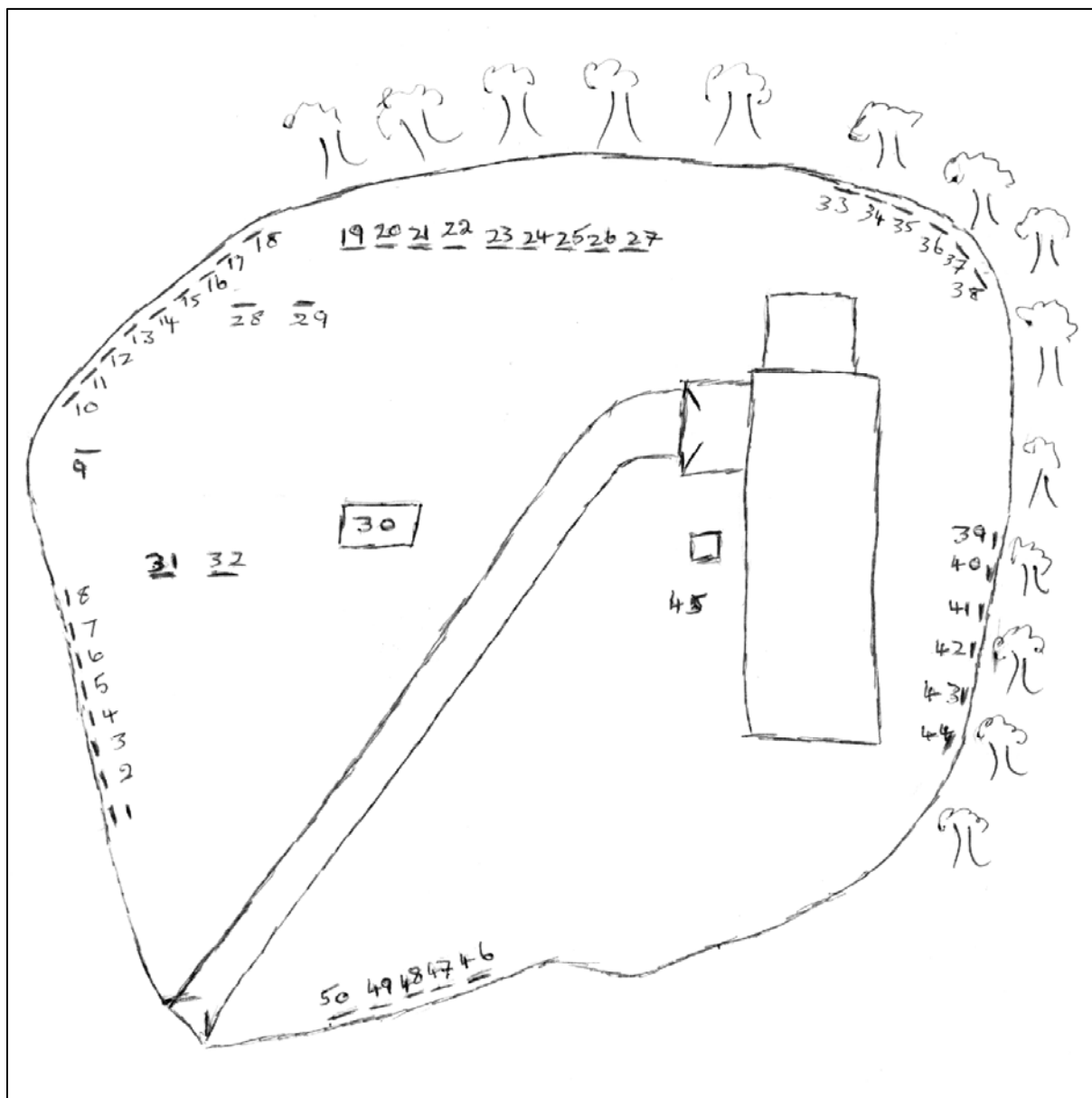
The Chapel

(now used by villagers as a meeting house)



Little Stretton Churchyard

(Plan of gravestones as per July 2003)



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1	Stone head	<p style="text-align: center;">ROBERT ROSS ILIFFE SON OF ROBERT ROSS & ANN ILIFFE WHO DIED JUNE 17TH 1889</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE LORD TAKETH PLEASURE IN THEM THAT FEAR HIM IN THOSE THAT HOPE IN HIS MERCY PSALM CXLVII II</p>	Not found
2	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Remembrance of MARY THE DEARLY BELOVED WIFE OF WILLIAM MEADOWS WHO DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1892 IN THE 52ND YEAR OF HER AGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ABIDE WITH ME, FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE THE DARKNESS DEEPENS; LORD WITH ME ABIDE WHEN OTHER HELPERS FAIL, AND COMFORTS FLEE HELP OF THE HELPLESS, O ABIDE WITH ME</p>	H SMITH GT GLEN
3	Granite Head	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM GOODACRE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 28TH 1867 AGED 83 YEARS ALSO WILLIAM GOODACRE SON OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED AT OXDON BERWICK AGED 26 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THOU SHALT COME TO THY GRAVE IN A FULL AGE, LIKE AS A SHOCK CORN COMETH IN IN HIS SEASON JOB, 5, 26</p>	M MORRISS LEST'R
4	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of ABRAHAM HOWKINS (OF STRETTON PARVA) WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE February 26th 1890 Aged 72 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOAST NOT THYSELF OF TO MORROW FOR THOU KNOWEST NOT WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH PROV. 27 CH, 1 VER</p>	Not found

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5	Stone Head	In loving memory of WILLIAM EASOM WHO DIED APRIL 27 TH 1917 AGED 66 YEARS ALSO OF ELIZA WIFE OF THE ABOVE DIED DECEMBER 28 TH 1916 AGED 72 YEARS	Not found
6	Slate Head	In loving memory of JAMES HOWKINS (OF STRETTON PARVA) WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEBRUARY 20 TH 1883 AGED 70 YEARS TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING PROV. 27 CH, 5 VER	W MARSHALL
7	Slate Head	Sacred memory of WILLIAM FREER WHO FELL ASLEEP MARCH 18 TH 1906 IN HIS 65 TH YEAR ALSO ELIZABETH, HIS WIFE WHO FELL ASLEEP DEC 22 ND 1924 IN HER 87 TH YEAR "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD"	H SMITH BURTON
8	Slate Double Head	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The Interred Remains of JOHN the son of William & Elizabeth COLMAN Who Departed this life May 24th 1750 In the 20th year of his AGE</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The Interred Remains of MARY Daughter of William & Elizabeth COLMAN Who Departed this life July 26th 1750 In the 18th year of her AGE</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">With deepest thought Spectator view thy fate Thus mortals pass to a immortal Place Through deaths dark vail we hope they found a way To bright Regions of Eternal day</p>	W. Phipps

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9	Granite Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF FREDERICK EASOM PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 15TH 1930 AGED 55 YEARS ALSO FANNY ELIZA WIFE OF THE ABOVE PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 25TH 1957 AGED 82 YEARS "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"</p>	Not found
10	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN Memory of Achsah The Wife of Wm COLEMAN Late of LONDON Who died Jany 7th 1814 Aged 48 Years An affectionate Wife A tender Mother, and A sincere Friend</p>	Not found
11	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF SARAH, RELICT OF JOHN KNIGHT WHO DIED OCTOBER 10TH 1857, AGED 71 YEARS Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh Matthew 24. 44</p>	J Butteris
12	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory Of HENRY SIMKIN DIED JULY 25TH 1901 Aged 75 Years ALSO Rebecca, His WIFE DIED JUNE 3RD 1910 Aged 82 YEARS "REST IN THE LORD"</p>	R ADAMS KIBWORTH

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13	Slate Double Head	<p style="text-align: center;">BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE THEE ey CROWN of Life</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Here Lieth the Body of William Coleman Who departed this life September the 28th 1768 in the 68th Year of His Age</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Here Lieth the Body of Elizabeth the Wife of William Coleman Who departed this life December the 26th 1766 aged 73 years</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Mourn not dear Sons for our Decease We hope with Christ we have made our peace Life is unscerting death is shuer. Sin gives the wound and Christ the cure</p>	Not found
14	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN FAULKNER POTTERTON (of STRETTON PARVA) WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBER 24TH 1872 Aged 32 Years ALSO OF Sarah, HIS WIFE WHO DIED AUGUST 7TH 1871: Aged 23 Years</p>	Groby Quarry
15	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacred To THE MEMORY OF Mary, late Wife of Thomas Hobson Of this Parish She departed this life The 28th of December 1820 IN THE 38TH YEAR OF HER</p>	Bettoni Oadby

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16	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF MARY, RELICT OF JOHN BLACK OF STRETTON PARVA WHO DIED OCTOBER 25TH 1871 AGED 56 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COME UNTO ME ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST ST MATTHEW. XI. 28</p>	Not found
17	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">To THE MEMORY OF JOHN WRIGHT: WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 15TH OF SEPTEMBER 1857 AGED 56 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"IN ADAM ALL DIE: IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE" READER! Ask yourself Am I in CHRIST?</p>	J YATES, LE'STER
18	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN KNIGHT WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 3RD 1845 Aged 59 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reader think, while here ye stand When least expected, Death may be at hand Therefore without delay, to Christ apply And learn to live, as you would wish to die</p>	JOHNSON, GILMORTON
19	Dark Grey Marble Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRIAN COOK 1953 – 2001</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forever In Our Hearts</p>	Not found

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20	Grey Marble Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory Of HAROLD FREDERICK THOMAS SWINFORD A BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER WHO FELL ASLEEP 3RD DECEMBER 1989 AGED 59 YEARS ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS ALSO MARGARET JOYCE FLORENCE SWINFORD A DEAR WIFE AND MOTHER WHO FELL ASLEEP 5TH OCTOBER 1999 AGED 68 YEARS REUNITED</p>	Not found
21	Grey Marble Head	<p style="text-align: center;">WITH TREASURED MEMORIES OF WILLIAM JAMES BRIDGES SELLEY MUCH LOVED HUSBAND, FATHER GRANDAD & GREAT GRANDAD WHO PASSED AWAY ON 5TH JUNE 1988 AGED 79 YEARS ALSO GWENDOLINE AMANDA SELLEY A DEAR WIFE, MUM GRANDMA & GREAT GRANDMA WHO PASSED AWAY ON 23RD JULY 1996 AGED 83 YEARS</p>	Not found
22	Stone trough	No inscription	
23	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">HERE lieth interrred the Body OF ALICE WIFE OF JOHN NOBLE who departed this Life April the 15th 1762 in the 67th Year of her AGE</p>	Not found

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24	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here lieth the Body of Mr John Grant who Departed this life Jan the 3^r Ano Dom 1734 / 5 In the 88 year of his Age</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Here he lives sleeping in the dust Untill the resurection of the just untill the time that Christ doth say Arise my saints and come Away</p>	Not found
25	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">To the memory of Samuel Coleman who died February 9th 1793 AGED 59 YEARS Also of ANN his wife who died August 18th 1783 AGED 44 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Whose Bodies wait The Resurrection day</p>	Not found
26	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here lyeth the Body of William Bent of this Parish Gent. who departed this life Sept the 29th Anno Dom. 1718 Aged 72 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O Death couldst thou no longer Spare A Husband to his Wife so dear In love He lived, in peace He did His life defir'd but GOD deny'd</p>	Not found
27	Grey Marble Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF PRIMROSE LILY BURNHAM DEAR WIFE, MOTHER AND GRANDMA DIED JULY 26TH 1965 AGED 62 YEARS ALSO WALTER GEORGE HER BELOVED HUSBAND, A DEAR FATHER GRANDAD AND GREAT GRANDAD DIED 13TH JAN 1976 AGED 73 YEARS RE-UNITED</p>	Not found

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28	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here Lieth the Body of JOHN ILIFF Who departed this Life September the 21st 1794 Aged 54 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">My time is come next may be thine Prepare for Death while thou hast time, And that thou may'st prepared be Live unto Christ who dyed for thee</p>	W Bonser
29	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">To the memory of William Son of JOHN ILIFF And ESTHER HIS WIFE He died April 27th 1795 AGED 11 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The great Jehovah full of love His Angel bright did send To fetch this little spotless Dove To Joys which never end</p>	W. Bonser
30	Square Granite with Stone Kerbs and Stone Column in centre	<p style="text-align: center;">On Kerb - Facing Church – Brass Plaque: DORIS ANNIE CLARKE AGED 69 YEARS AT REST 21ST APRIL 1972</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KARL J SPLITZ 6.8.25 31.8.96 R I P</p>	Not found
31	Small Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here lyeth the body of Sarah y late wife of Thomas Andrews dece ased And Daughter of John Perkins late of Little STRETTON Gent Also deceased who De parted this Life the 24th of March Anno Dno 1702</p>	Not found

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32	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here lyeth Interred y e Body of DOROTHY BENT the Wife of WILLIAM BENT, GENT Who departed this life the 3rd day of NOVEMBER 1721 Aged</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reader stand and shed a tear Think on the dust that slumbers here And as thou reads't the slate of me Think on the Glass that runs for thee</p>	Not found
33	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRENCE OF Sarah Eliza & Edith Mary Twin DAUGHTERS of the Late John and Sarah Potterton WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE SARAH ELIZA APRIL 2 1876 EDITH MARY MAY 4 1878 AGED RESPECTIVELY 8 & 10 YEARS</p>	Not found
34	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Affectionate Remembrance of JONATHAN BLACKWELL WHO DIED OCTOBER 4TH 1843 AGED 68 YEARS ALSO OF MARY, WIFE OF JONATHAN BLACKWELL WHO DIED JANUARY 29TH 1854 AGED 69 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ and to eternal life" JUDE</p>	J. BUTTERIS BURTON
35	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF JOHANNA GOODACRE (OF STRETTON PARVA) BORN DECEMBER 26TH 1817 DIED APRIL 26TH 1880</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"God is our refuge in time of trouble"</p>	Not found

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36	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacred to the memory of John Allen WHO DIED JANUARY 22ND 1838 AGED 77 YEARS Also MARY HIS WIFE who died February 9th 1834 Aged 81 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From this hard Journey here on earth Their souls have took their flight And gone a Journey of more worth To meet the LORD of light</p>	L Bettoney Oadby
37	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF DANIEL WOODWARD WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE OCTOBER 26TH, 1839 Aged 53 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This World's a fishpond that you may plainly see And God's the fisherman and we the fishes be; And while he condescends with us to play, So quietly he takes us one by one away</p>	BIRCHNELL LEICESTER
38	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN WARNER WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST 7TH 1811 AGED 65 YEARS ALSO OF SARAH HIS WIFE WHO DIED OCTOBER 23RD 1809; Aged 49 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY SARAH WOODWARD, THE AFFECTIONATE DAUGH- TER OF JOHN AND SARAH WARNER</p>	BIRCHNELL LEICESTER

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39	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In The memory of HESTER, Wife of John Iliffe Who departed this life the 12th of April 1810 in the 65 year of her age</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy she dy'd, rejoic'd in death And calmly she resign'd her breath She trusted in her Savior's blood And cry'd behold, the Lamb of God! Wished that all might pray for grace That they may see the Saviour's face</p>	Pollard & Shenton
40	Slate head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Memory of Thomas Bates Who died April 17th 181* (broken off) AGED 79 YEARS Also of DOROTHY, Wife of THOMAS BATES She died Jan 9th 1810 Aged 79 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"I heard a voice from "heaven saying unto me, Write; "BLESSED are the dead Which die in the Lord"</p>	NEAL
41	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">Here Are deposited the remains of William Terry Of this Place But Late of Walgrave NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Farmer, He departed this Life September the 1777 Aged 66 years Also Near this place lies the Bodies of WILLIAM AND ANN TERRY Father and Mother of the Above</p>	Not found

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42	Slate head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF LUCY ATTON Daughter of BATES and ELIZABETH TEBBUTT Who Died January 21st 1832 IN THE 16TH YEAR OF HER LIFE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In the midst of Life We are in death</p>	Not found
43	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF Elizabeth Coleman She departed This life the 2nd Day of July 1785 In the 76 Year of Her age</p>	John Philips
44	Slate head	<p style="text-align: center;">Erected In Remembrance of Eliza Potterton (late of STRETTON PARVA) WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE DECEMBER 23RD 1880 Aged 74 years</p>	Groby Quarry
45	Slate lying flat	<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF MARGARET BAKER MUCH LOVED DIED JULY 1990 AGED 85 YEARS ALSO HER BELOVED HUSBAND JACK ARNOLD BAKER DIED SEPTEMBER 1994 AGED 89 YEARS</p>	Not found
46	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">To The Memory Of Dinah Smeeton WHO DIED NOVEMBER 7TH 1850 Aged 79 Years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Great God I own thy sentence just And nature must decay I yield my body to the dust To dwell with fellow Clay.</p>	E Ward Oadby

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47	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In Memory of ELIZABETH ANN Daughter of Thomas & Mary Hobson Who died June 13th 1822 Aged 3 Years and 3 months</p> <p>Ah! Why so soon just as the bloom appears Drops this fair blossom in the vale of tears? Death view'd the treasure to the desert giv'n And claimed the right of planting it in Heav'n</p>	Not found
48	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">In AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF MARY The beloved wife Of WILLIAM GOODACRE Born MAY 11 MDCCLXXXIII Died JUNE 11 MDCCCLXXXIII</p> <p>For a thousand years in thy sight are but As yesterday seeing that is past as a watch Ps. XC. V. IV</p>	HILL SYSTON
49	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">To The Memory of John Iliffe Late of STRETTON PARVA He departed this life June 10th 1817 Aged 41 Years</p> <p>Reader, reflect, thou too must die, Thy spirit soar to Eternity. Think ere time's for ever fled away My sun went down in the midst of day, And why not thine, who read'st these lines Though thy sun in meridian shines Make haste to JESUS, speed thy way That thou may'st rise to eternal day</p>	NEAL

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50	Slate Head	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN SMITH MIDDLETON Who DIED SEPTR 16TH. 1881 Aged 29 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER DEAR A FAITHFUL FRIEND IS BURIED HERE, HIS TIME IS SPENT HIS GLASS IS RUN, HIS CHILDREN DEAR PREPARE TO COME.</p>	Not found

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Memorials inside Little Stretton Church

There are just 6 memorial plaques inside the church. They are positioned high up, around the walls.

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1A	Brass	<p>HERBERT EDGAR ETTE DIED JANUARY 28TH 1947 – AGED 59</p> <p>'E'EN AS HE TROD THAT DAY TO GOD SO WALKED HE FROM HIS BIRTH IN SIMPLENESS AND GENTLENESS AND HONOUR AND CLEAN MIRTH'</p>	Not found																							
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4A	Marble	In Memory of LANE Wife of the Revd Dr John Walker Who departed this Life February the 5 th 1798 in the 37 th Year of her Age Blessed are the Dead which die in the LORD	Not found	
5A	Slate	In Memory of Mr Charles Seamark Who Departed this Life the 27 day of June 1755 Aged 38 Years	Not found	See Last Will and Testament
6A	Slate	In Memory of DOROTHY Wife of Richard Walker of Leicester Gent Relict of Charles Seamark Gent she departed this Life March the 25 th 1776 Aged 53 Years.	Not found	

**Index of ALL names that are recorded on the monuments
(where [A] represents a plaque inside the church)**

No	First Name	Surname
36	John	ALLEN
36	Mary	ALLEN
31	Sarah	ANDREWS
31	Thomas	ANDREWS
45	Jack Arnold	BAKER
45	Margaret	BAKER
40	Dorothy	BATES
40	Thomas	BATES
32	Dorothy	BENT
26	William	BENT
32	William	BENT
16	John	BLACK
16	Mary	BLACK
34	Jonathan	BLACKWELL
34	Mary	BLACKWELL
27	Primrose Lily	BURNHAM
27	Walter George	BURNHAM
30	Doris Annie	CLARKE

No	First Name	Surname
10	Achsah	COLEMAN
25	Ann	COLEMAN
8	Elizabeth	COLEMAN
13	Elizabeth	COLEMAN
43	Elizabeth	COLEMAN
8	John	COLEMAN
8	Mary	COLEMAN
25	Samuel	COLEMAN
8	William	COLEMAN
10	William	COLEMAN
13	William	COLEMAN
19	Brian	COOK
5	Eliza	EASOM
9	Fanny Eliza	EASOM
9	Frederick	EASOM
5	William	EASOM
1A	Herbert Edgar	ETTE
7	Elizabeth	FREER

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7	William	FREER	3A	Susanna	PERKINS
35	Johanna	GOODACRE	33	Edith Mary	POTTERTON
48	Mary	GOODACRE	44	Eliza	POTTERTON
3	William	GOODACRE	33	John	POTTERTON
48	William	GOODACRE	14	John Faulkener	POTTERTON
24	John	GRANT	14	Sarah	POTTERTON
47	Elizabeth Ann	HOBSON	33	Sarah	POTTERTON
15	Mary	HOBSON	33	Sarah Eliza	POTTERTON
47	Mary	HOBSON	5A	Charles	SEAMARK
15	Thomas	HOBSON	6A	Charles	SEAMARK
47	Thomas	HOBSON	21	Gwendoline	SELLEY
4	Abraham	HOWKINS		Amanda	
6	James	HOWKINS	21	William James	SELLEY
29	Esther	ILIFF		Bridges	
28	John	ILIFF	12	Henry	SIMKIN
29	John	ILIFF	12	Rebecca	SIMKIN
29	William	ILIFF	46	Dinah	SMEETON
1	Ann	ILIFFE	30	Karl J	SPLITZ
39	Hester	ILIFFE	20	Harold	SWINFIELD
39	John	ILIFFE		Frederick	
49	John	ILIFFE		Thomas	
1	Robert Ross	ILIFFE	20	Margaret Joyce	SWINFIELD
11	John	KNIGHT		Florence	
18	John	KNIGHT	42	Bates	TEBBUTT
11	Sarah	KNIGHT	42	Elizabeth	TEBBUTT
3A	Edmund	MARSDEN	42	Lucy Atton	TEBBUTT
2	Mary	MEADOWS	41	Ann	TERRY
2	William	MEADOWS	41	William	TERRY
50	John Smith	MIDDLETON	41	William	TERRY
23	Alice	NOBLE	6A	Dorothy	WALKER
23	John	NOBLE	4A	Lane	WALKER
3A	Bartho	PERKINS	6A	Richard	WALKER
3A	Bartholome	PERKINS	4A	John	WALKER
31	John	PERKINS		Revd Dr	
2A	John	PERKINS	38	John	WARNER
3A	John	PERKINS	38	Sarah	WARNER
3A	Mary	PERKINS	37	Daniel	WOODWARD
2A	Susanna	PERKINS	17	John	WRIGHT