

Welcome to

St Thomas Church Lymington

The parish church of Lymington,
dedicated to St Thomas the Apostle.

There has been a church on this site for
more than 800 years; parts of the existing
building date back to c1250.

Look out for compound columns and lancet
(pointed) windows, typical of the 'Early
English' style used in 1200-1300. Over the
years the church has suffered damage and
has been repaired and remodelled. The
tower was built in 1670, the cupola added
c 1742, and the columns and galleries in
1792-1810. Extensive restorations were
undertaken in 1864, 1911, 1931, and 2011.

Until the early 19th century, music in St
Thomas was led by a gallery band. An organ
was installed in the west end gallery in 1831.
It was rebuilt in 1911. (see additional
leaflet).

We hope you enjoy your visit today. You are
welcome to take photographs.

There are also cards made from photos
available for sale on the card rack.

This Church is a worshipping
community that seeks to follow
Jesus Christ, serving God through worship,
witness and service.

You can find out more about the Christian
faith at
www.christianity.org.uk

The building is used for worship on
Sundays and midweek, and for
concerts and other events.
Do come back and visit us again.

Sunday Worship

8.00 am Early Communion (BCP)

9.00am Bubble Church – a short
church service for families

10.00 am Choral Communion

Wednesdays

11.00am Holy Communion

Guide to

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*'A house of prayer
for all people'*

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You may wish to follow the route below:

(1) Doors and Porch (narthex)

The narthex was added in 1811, extending the church. The present west door was designed and made locally in 1950. The glass doors, engraved by Tracey Sheppard, were added in 2011 (see separate leaflet).

(2) Font, 1873

Close to the entrance, the font is a place of welcome and initiation. At a service of Baptism, the font is filled with water, a symbol of washing and new life. Here children and adults are welcomed into the family of the church and start their Christian journey. The figure of Christ on this font is a miniature representation of a statue by the sculptor Thorwaldson on the Norwegian coast.

(3) Early English Column, c 1250

The oldest parts of the church date from about 1250.

(4) Doorway, c1250

This was originally an external doorway dating from c1250. To the left are traces of a window frame from the same date.

(5) Courtenay Chapel, c 1325

This area is set aside for quiet prayer. The two windows on the north wall are Early English, but with recent glass. On the east wall is an Early English piscina, a stone basin with drain.

(6) Sanctuary

The east window glass is in memory of Admiral Sir George Rose Sartorius who took part in the battle of Trafalgar. There is an Early English window (north wall) and piscina (south wall).

(7) Communion Table

The table here and in the Courtenay Chapel are used when the church celebrates Holy Communion. Here bread and wine are consecrated (blessed) and shared as Jesus instructed his followers. The colour of the frontals varies according to church season.

(8) Wall Memorials

Walking west through the Choir you can see memorial tablets on the south wall. The oldest is the Guidott Brass, 1668.

(9) Pulpit, 1911

The pulpit was made in 1911, replacing a larger one. Behind it you can see the remains of a main pillar, c 1250.

(10) Royal Arms

Look west and upwards to see the Royal Arms, dating from 1824.

(11) Prayer Board

Please pause for a while and enjoy the quiet and prayerfulness of this church. You are welcome to leave a prayer request on the Prayer Board.

(12) Roof Bosses and Royal Arms

In the Narthex look up at the glass case of roof bosses, and the Royal Arms, originally Charles I, modified to Hanoverian.

