

St Torney's Church, North Hill Visitor Information

Pre-visit Information

St Torney's Church in the village of North Hill, is a Grade I listed building. In 2022. it became the second Cornish church to come into the care of the national charity the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT). The CCT conserve, protect and save beautiful historic churches and have a national collection of over 350 historic places of worship.

St Torney's Church is open for everyone: People of all ages, backgrounds, all faiths and/or none. This is a guide for getting to and around St Torney's Church in North Hill and what to expect when visiting the inside of this historic church.

Address: St Torney's Church North Hill, Launceston, PL15 7PQ.

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Opening Times: 10am > 4pm daily

Getting here: The North Hill Village is between the busy A30 (3 miles away) and A388. The tower of the church is easily spotted from the B3254 as it goes through the village.

Parking: There are 2 car parking spaces outside the west gate of the churchyard. Walk through the wooden gates, into the old churchyard the path is gravel and mainly level to the main (south) entrance. Further parking is available at the adjacent village hall car park, the entrance is west of the church. Walk through the play area and small field, to the new churchyard. Walk through this to the wooden gates of the old churchyard. towards the church. There is also on street parking nearby and close to the west churchyard gate.

Transport Links: A bus runs 4-5 times a day on weekdays to Launceston and Liskeard. Liskeard Train Station is roughly 10 miles. For more information - <u>Journey planner (travelinesw.com)</u>. Several footpaths are close by - OS Grid Reference: SX271765.

Churchyard and entrance: There are 3 gates into the old churchyard – east, south and west access from the B3254. The east and south gates both have steps up from the road/village into the old churchyard. The west gate has no steps and a mainly level gravel path to the main (south) entrance of the church.

Entrance: Floor is level from path, into the porch and main body of the church. Width of the main door 124cm wide. Once through the porch, there is low step down to reach the nave.

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Building works: Currently, there is conservation building works being done to the outside of the church. The church is open for visitors.

Toilets: The nearest is public toilet is: South Petherwin Public Toilets / Westgate Street Multi-Storey Car Park, Launceston. The nearest toilets that have Changing Places facilities are: Tesco Callington, PL17 7RD.

Refreshments: Old School Inn, North Hill, PL15 7PG. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5pm to 9pm.

Younger Visitors and Families: St Torney's Church is accessible for prams and buggies but these will need to stay with you during your visit. There are no baby changing facilities inside the church.

Inside St Torney's Church

Steps: Access within the nave is step free. There is one step to reach the chancel and a further two steps to reach the altar in the sanctuary.

Lights: Close to the font and south (main) door. Another set is found at the east end of north aisle, close to the electricity meter.

Aisles: As a historic building it has had changes to its architecture and layouts over time. The aisles are different widths throughout, ranging from 118-122cm, 136cm and 177cm wide.

Phone Signal: The mobile phone signal is weak inside the church and it is better outside in the churchyard. The church sits in the centre of the village and is surrounded by houses to help with alerting emergency services if needed.

Sensory: The church has electric lighting that can be turned on and off again when leaving. The light switch is... There is no heating and the building is cool. In winter, it can be cold. As a large building it can create loud echoes and acoustics when visitors shout. Other noises from outside can include farming machinery / vehicles / wind / trees blowing.

Trigger Warnings: St Torney's is a historic church and is hundreds of years old. It is an important place for people and some are buried inside the church and in the churchyards. There are memorials on the wall and floor of the church remembering people who lived in the community.

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