

# Spalding Parish Church

## A: NAVE

Originally the church was only as high as the arches. In 1450 the pillars were raised by two metres, the arches rebuilt, the top storey added with the upper windows. The oak hammer-beamed roof was constructed. There are 28 carved angels in the roof.

The painted hatchments above the arches in the nave were carried at the funerals of different members of the Johnson family, who lived in Ayscoughfee Hall.

The west window, originally plain glass, was completely destroyed by a gale in 1662. The present one, showing the 12 apostles, was put in place in 1865.

The porch under it was built, and became the main entrance, in 2013.

## B: FONT

At the 1868 font, water is blessed and poured over those being baptised to mark the beginning of their journey of faith within the family of the church.

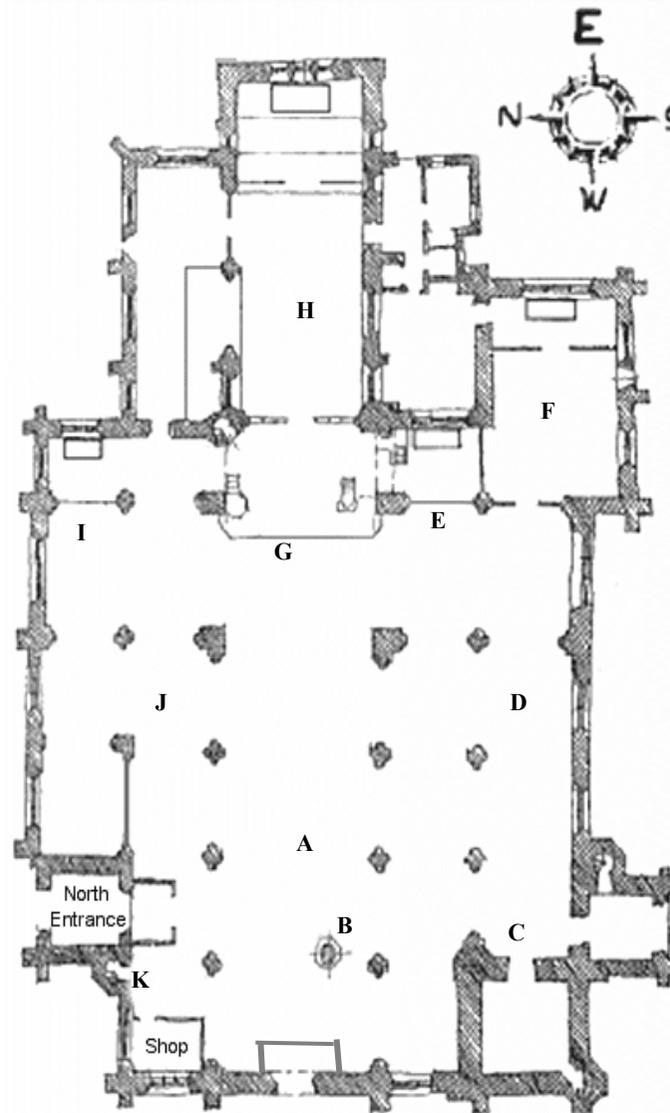
## C: TOWER

Built around 1360, with the spire added about 100 years later. Its north-east lean has required much structural reinforcement to ensure its stability. The tower contains a peal of eight bells rung by an enthusiastic team of ringers, to call people to worship.

## D: SOUTH AISLE

Two windows were installed in 1966. One includes tulip picking and potato packing. The other shows Spalding Grammar School behind Jesus as he listens to the teachers in the Jerusalem Temple.

The third window (from 1951), is based on images of the New Jerusalem in Revelation chapter 21.



## E: ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

This chapel is a memorial to those who died in the First World War,

The remains of red paint on the arch near the chapel is evidence that the inside of the church was brightly painted in the Middle Ages.

## F: ST THOMAS' CHAPEL

Built in 1315, and now dedicated to Thomas Becket Archbishop of Canterbury, this chapel is used for smaller services and for daily prayer.

Consecrated bread and wine is reserved here and taken to those who are ill or housebound and so unable to share in worship at church.

From 1568 until 1881 the Grammar School occupied an upper room in this chapel. The current restoration dates from 1885.

The main window shows the birth and childhood of Jesus. The other windows show Jesus as Man and God, as Light of the World and as Good Shepherd.

## G: THE CROSSING

The brass chandelier is dated 1760. It has 36 candles which are lit for major festivals.

The carved oak pulpit dates from 1866.

The Bible is read from the brass lectern. The eagle and the ball on which it stands represent the Word of God being carried to every part of the world.

The rood screen divides the nave from the chancel. It was reconstructed in 1870 incorporating parts of the original fifteenth century screen. A door at the base of the pillar gives access to the top of the screen. Above it hangs the great rood cross which was repainted in 1959.

The organ loft, along with a new case for some of the pipes, was built in 1972.

## H: CHANCEL

The ceiling was painted in 1959.

The East window shows Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Millennium screen shows St Nicolas and the Virgin Mary. The words are from Psalm 90.

### **I: CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL**

The window behind the altar shows the Ascension of Jesus (when he returned to Heaven forty days after the Resurrection).

High up you can see circular openings which used to be windows before the outer aisles were built.

### **J: NORTH AISLE**

The first window shows the four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The second shows the parable of the talents (Matthew 24: 14-30).

The third window is dedicated to brothers-in-law who were killed in the First World War. They are shown in the costume of medieval soldiers, taking their place in heaven. 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' (Revelation 2: 10). The face of the soldier on the right appears to be a photograph on glass.

### **K: THE PARVIS ROOM**

The door up steps near the shop leads to a small room above the porch. This room has been an armoury, a library, a chapel and a store room during its long history.

This is one of three staircases that allow access to the church roof.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you would like more detailed information, the shop has a guide book, booklets on the windows, the hatchments and the memorials and leaflets about the Perry Memorial, Robert Ram and the chancel ceiling.

### **DONATIONS**

Please put any contribution towards the church in the safe by the shop. Thank you

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

10.30am Family Communion or  
Parish Eucharist  
*followed by coffee in church*

6.30pm Sung Evensong

### **DAILY PRAYER**

Monday - Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES**

Monday

2.30pm Mothers' Union  
*Second Monday*

Wednesday

3.30pm Choir Club

Friday

7.00pm Choir Practice

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# *Welcome to*



*We aim to be a loving and welcoming Christian community: honouring God in worship, following Christ in our lives and participating in his mission.*

St Mary and St Nicolas has been at the heart of Spalding life for over 700 years. It was built between 1284 and 1315

The building and its community have survived through flood, plague, famine and war.

The building is open every day to provide a sacred space for reflection, prayer and hope.

We serve our community in many ways, living as disciples of Christ and sharing God's love as Jesus taught us to do.