

## St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

St Mary's Church is situated at the west end of Sand Hutton village, set back from the main street, accessed through wrought iron gates and along a chestnut tree lined avenue. It is a Grade II listed building built in 1840 by Salvin at the sole expense of James Walker of Sand Hutton Hall. The church was consecrated on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1847 as the Chapel-of-Ease of Sand Hutton, replacing the earlier 12<sup>th</sup> century St Leonard's Church, the ruins of which remain behind the church. Three members of the Walker family are interred in St Leonard's crypt.

St Mary's is in Gothic style of sandstone construction with a roof of Westmoreland slate. The porch, at the south west corner of the nave, forms the base of a tower with a broach spire in the early English style. The tower contains three bells, 2 tenor and 1 treble, cast by Thos. Mears of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London. The church was remodelled by Hodgson Fowler in 1885, the chancel and organ being added and the nave reseated.

The altar reredos is gilded oak and the chancel floor is laid with encaustic tiles. The oak screen was given in 1900 in memory of James Robert Walker (2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet) by his five sons.

To the north east of the present Church of St. Mary's, stand the ruins of St Leonard's which is a grade II listed building and scheduled monument grade II ruin.

The church is open during the day and visitors are very welcome.

**Details of Church Services, Contacts and the Church Magazine go to:**

<http://www.sandhuttongroup.org.uk>







St Leonard's Schedule Monument