

St Leonard's Church, South Cockerington



St. Leonard's Church is an early-fourteenth and fifteenth century building situated among the farms and houses of the village, providing ministry to the community of South Cockerington. It is open daily from 10am to 4pm. We have a service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month.

Visitors are often surprised to discover an unusually life like monument in the church to Sir Adrian Scrope (1563 -1623). Sculpted out of white alabaster it is almost certainly the work of Epiphanius Evesham

1570-1633, a major English sculptor. Sir Adrian appears to be very dignified , listening attentively to the service and much at ease on top of his tomb located in front of a fifteenth century rood screen.

The Church is the only public building in the village so we recently decided to advertise the benefits and potential of the church for regular community events. In April 2019 a public meeting was held to seek help from the village to improve contact and interactions with the wider village community. As a result an Easter Sunday Egg Hunt event after the service helped to fill the church and the community is helping with fund raising, churchyard cleanups and coffee mornings.

The church has recently benefited from newly-installed kitchen facilities and toilets, allowing us to consider many more ideas for future community events.

