



St Adelwold's Church, Alvingham



An unusual setting of two Churches within one churchyard – St. Mary's, formerly serving North Cockerington and currently in the care of the Church Conservation Trust, and St. Adelwold's now ministering the communities of Alvingham, North Cockerington and Yarborough.

Both buildings stand in the former grounds of a 12th century Gilbertine Priory, and St. Mary's church, believed to be an eleventh century Priory chapel, has examples of Saxon and Norman stonework and a Saxon window on the north side of the Chancel.

St. Adelwold's stands on the site of a Saxon church and has a rare thirteenth century west tower. Victorian and early twentieth century restoration has masked much of the original interior.

Parking is available at a small car park adjacent to the ancient Alvingham Water Mill and the short walk to St Adelwold's will take you past 'Puddleducks' Nursery school, over the Mill Race, through Abbey Farmyard, to the gate into the churchyard.

Alternatively there is a delightful ten-minute footpath walk across the fields from North Cockerington, with our Millennium Bench overlooking the churches and canal providing a moment for rest and reflexion.

The pupils of North Cockerington Church of England Primary School worship at St. Adelwold's, and the children attending 'Puddleducks' often explore the churchyard.

Holy Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month, and we share worship with our Methodist friends on the second Sunday. An evening Christingle Service takes place each year with a welcoming candle-lit path to the Church.

