



# DISCOVER BETTISFIELD

THE OPEN CHURCH NETWORK



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH

Bettisfield was built by Sir John Hanmer in 1873-4, using Grinsall stone throughout, and is the work of the eminent Victorian architect G. E. Street.

It was Lord Hanmer, newly elevated to the peerage, who paid the first curate, the Rev. Joseph Dobel, his stipend. The first organist, Miss Fanny Leghfields Welshampton, was regarded as one of the finest organists in England.

Bettisfield is renowned for its two magnificent stained glass windows, made by one of the pre-eminent specialist firms of the 19th-century, Clayton & Bell.

The fully working bell tower is of equal interest, especially to experienced ringers who are always welcome to experience its full circle ring, with demonstrations arranged by prior appointment. Originally hung by Taylors of Loughborough in 1874, and more recently renovated by the very same company, the treble bell is 4cwt 7lbs, the number 2 bell 4cwt 14lbs, and the Tenor 5cwt 56lbs. A quarter peal has been rung three times since the renovation.



### FACILITIES:

- Car parking
- Toilet facilities, including disabled
- Coaches by prior arrangement

### PLACES TO VISIT:

- The Shropshire Union Canal winds its way through the village with its drop-off point within easy walking distance
- Fenn's and Whixall Mosses Nature Reserve
- Walks to Bettisfield Moss
- Bettisfield Hall (Curlew Woods of North Wales, Woodwork Shops & tree nursery)

For access information, please see additional insert in this folder.

### CONTACT:

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### OPENING TIMES: DAILY

Apr - Sep:  
8.30am - 7.00pm

Oct - Mar:  
8.30am - 4.00pm