

ST. PETER'S CHURCH



Q.
Is the church Empingham's oldest existing building?

A.
Yes, the church was built mainly in the 13th Century, on the site of a Norman church, and an earlier Saxon church. The tower, spire and south porch were added around 1320.



Just outside the church on its northern side is the tomb of Thomas Syson and his wife Ann. Thomas Syson was the Agent, employed by the Heathcotes to manage their estate.

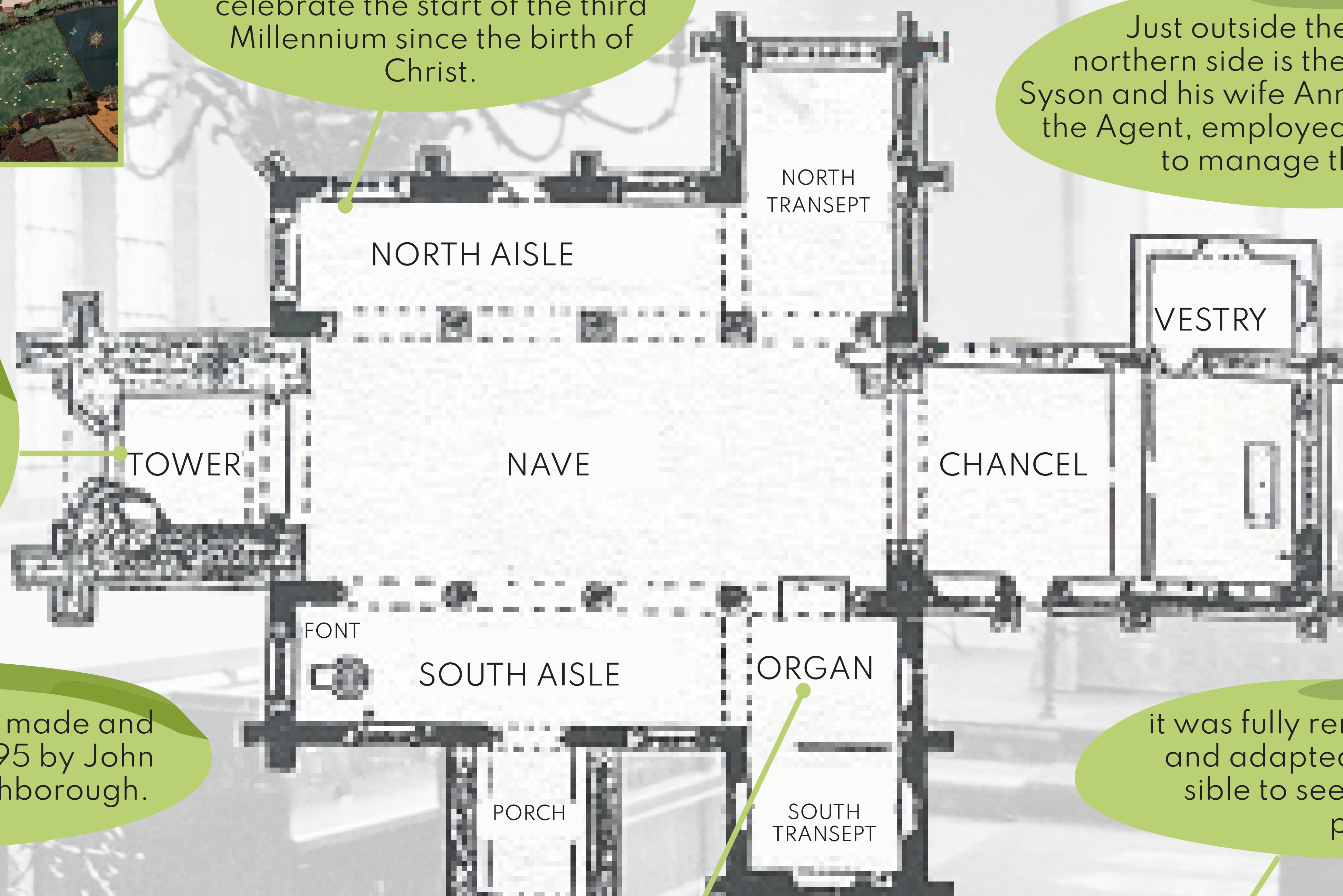
He took the rent from tenants in the Audit Hall, and had the power to remove families from the village if necessary.



An embroidered map of the village was created by the Empingham Craft Group to celebrate the start of the third Millennium since the birth of Christ.

The church has a peal of six bells. The tenor weighs just over 15 cwt (792kg), and with a diameter of well over a metre is one of the largest bells in Rutland.

The metal frame was made and the bells re-cast in 1895 by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough.



it was fully renovated in 2020, and adapted to make it possible to see all the internal parts.

The sound emanates from the 58 reed pipes and 552 flue pipes.

The church organ was built by Henry Jackson of Stamford in 1895, and has two keyboards and a peddle board.

