



The Sanctuary Knocker

During medieval times there was little protection for people accused of wrong-doing by others. If there was a dispute there could be violent repercussions and random lynching often occurred.

The Church provided neutral ground and refuge if you could reach it safely. Anyone placing their hand on a Sanctuary Knocker could claim up to 37 days sanctuary and basic provisions within the confines of the church.

Our Sanctuary Knocker dates from 1258 and hangs on a 500 year old door.

There is no charge for your visit

Please help us to keep the church open by donating at our contactless points or donation boxes

Thank you

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