

St. Peter's Church Graveyard.  
Overley Road, Stratton, Cirencester GL7 2LP

Stratton Church is a historic church located on the outskirts of Cirencester. It is a Grade I listed building and is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in the country.

The tiny church of St. Peter's was first built in Saxon times in the 12th century using local Cotswold stone, and features a number of notable architectural details, including a Norman doorway, a Romanesque tower, and a 14th-century spire. The interior of the church is equally impressive, with a number of interesting features, including a medieval font, a series of stained glass windows, and a collection of 17th-century brasses.

Bigland described Stratton church as very small, consisting of a chancel and nave with a low tower in the middle containing two bells. In 1825 Edward Brown was paid £210 for putting a new roof on the church and extending it by 17ft. The parish borrowed £100 from Joseph Cripps and was gifted £50 by Jane Master to complete the work. The church was rebuilt in 1850, incorporating a part of the previous 12th-century church into the south wall. Another survival of the rebuilding was a bell by Edward Neale dated 1671 and inscribed with the name of the rector William Harvey. The nave was extended westwards and a new north aisle added, increasing the size of the church to 300 sittings.

No drawing or records of the graves before this was done. The slabs were left in rows leaning against the boundary walls of the churchyard where they remain today. It is assumed the details, including why faculty consent was given, are in the Public Records Office and possibly with the Diocese. Only the more substantial monumental graves and the 9 table tombs were left undisturbed.

The records of burials input to the database are from various sources. Robin Tingle undertook an excellent study. He compiled information on St. Peter's Stratton burials from records within the church. This has formed the basis of the database. Jim Harbord has helped in referencing the memorials area to the north-east of the graveyard. The prefix for those records is 'SM'. The other graves within the graveyard have the prefix 'S'. I have also added those listed in Bigland for the graveyard.

As far as I am aware that is complete a list of those buried within the graveyard as I can find. I am sure there are still gaps but I have endeavoured to reconcile all the entries and also resolve any duplicate and mis-represented entries as far as I can.

I am quite willing to amend the records or plan if there are any points that I might of missed.

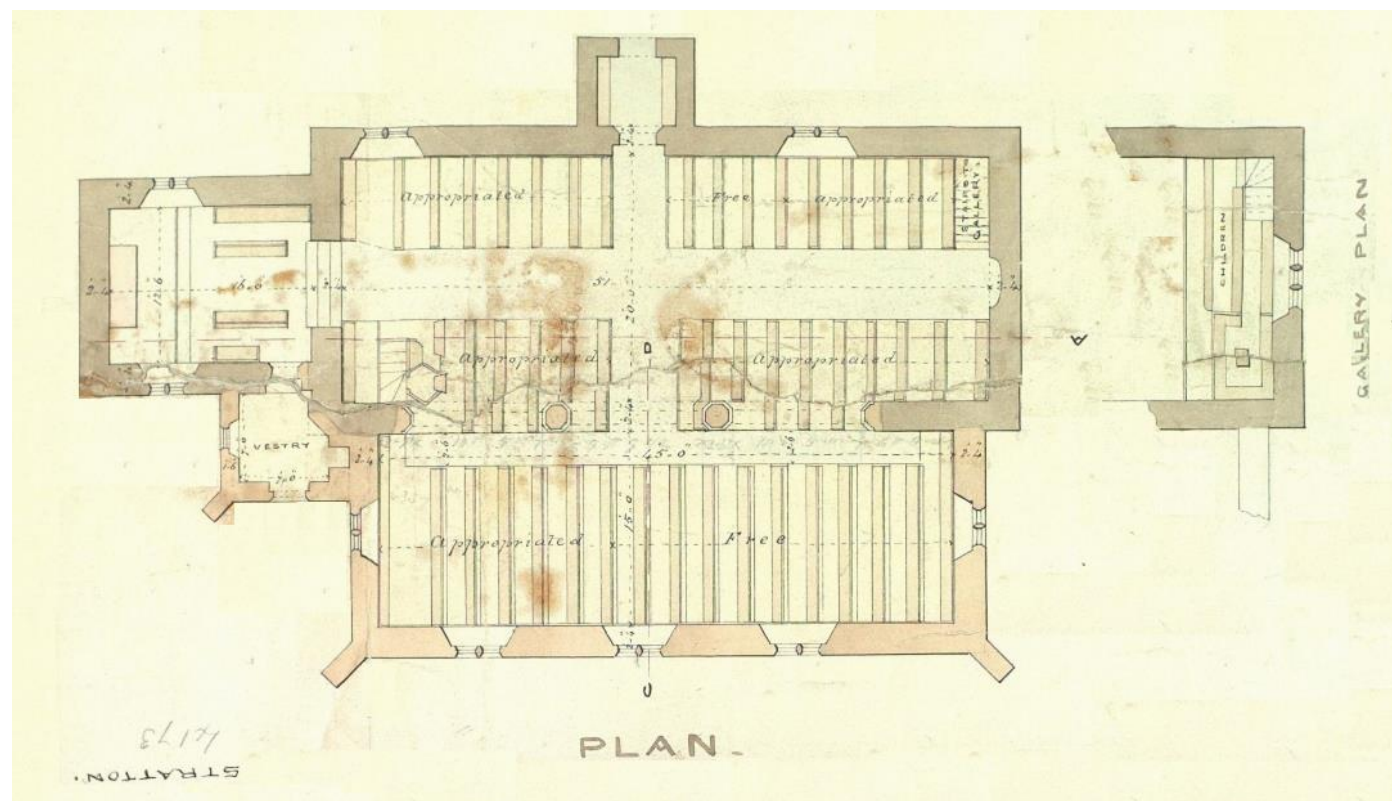
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St Peter's Church has approximately 40 gravestones in its grounds, along with a number of table-top style tombs.

Responsibility of the graveyard at St Peter's Church, which was last used in March 1888 is now officially maintained by Cotswold District Council, when it took over in 2014 with basic maintenance.

Stratton Cemetery opened in July 1888, and is now administered by Cotswold District Council. Stratton Cemetery has reached full capacity for new full burials. They are unable to accommodate full interments other than those into reserved grave spaces, interment of Cremated Remains or the reopening of an existing grave space where the grave has been prepared to a double or treble depth. There are 2000 + burials in the cemetery.

