

Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

A brief history

Holy Trinity was built in the 1750s, after the medieval church fell down in 1740. It is a simple Palladian church, a popular style at the time, inspired by Roman architecture. It makes a distinctive landmark on the High Street. The first church was probably built around 950 when the High Street was laid out to make Guildford into a town. St. Mary's was already there, but a second parish church made the town much more important. Holy Trinity was probably very similar to St. Mary's before the collapse. The east end was added in 1888 to make the church bigger, for a different style of worship. The church includes a very late medieval chantry chapel, the splendid Renaissance tomb of an archbishop of Canterbury, a Georgian pulpit, a regimental chapel, Arts & Crafts decorative panels and a modern icon and embroideries.

