

Hello, I am Lilly - the maid from  
Preston Manor. Let me show you  
around St Peter's Church.



# St Peter's Church

Preston Village

Children's Trail





Try to imagine Preston Village  
as it was a long time ago.



St Peter's Church has been here for over 800 years.

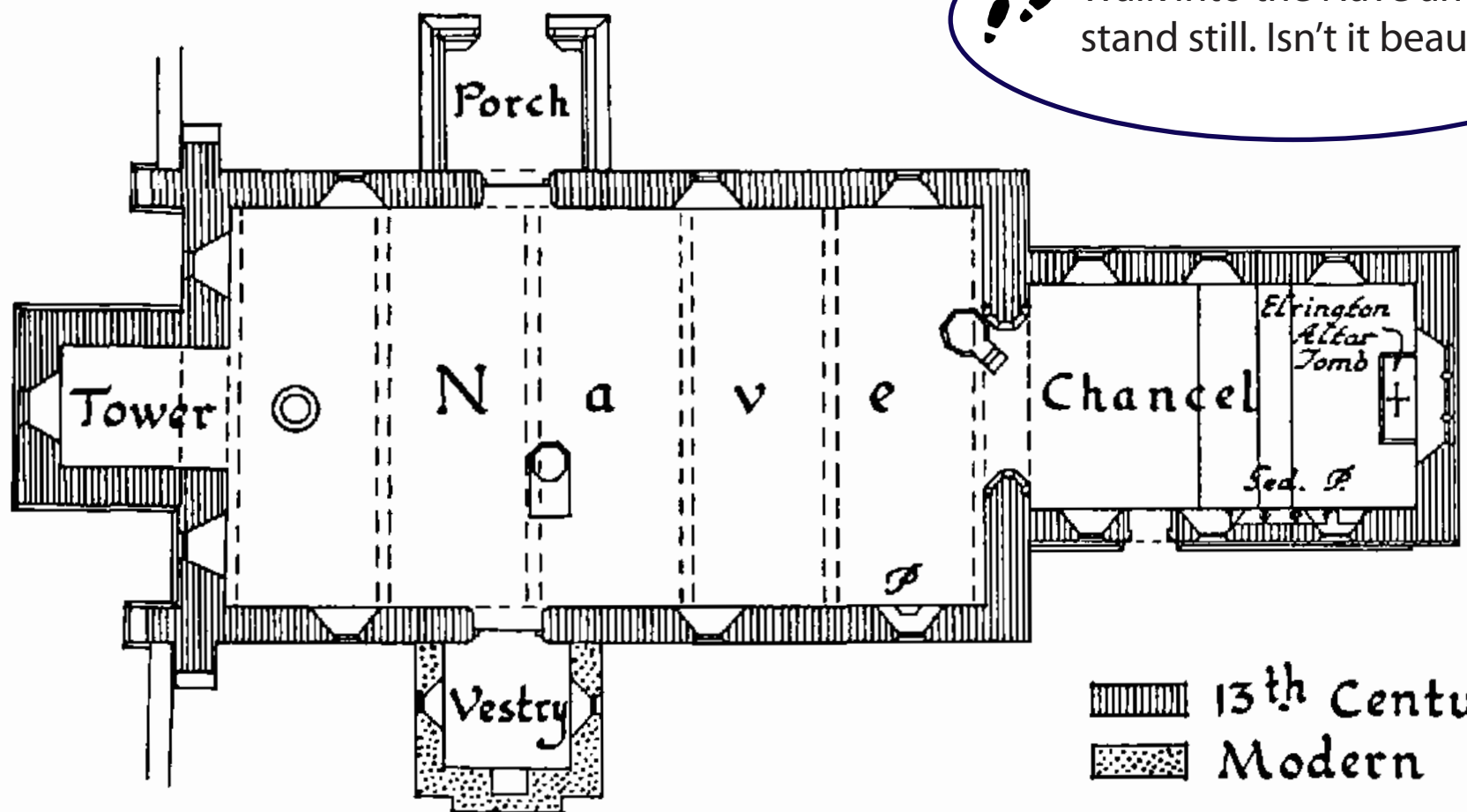
Look around, what can you see?

It was built on a hill.  
Farmland and fields of  
sheep surrounded it.

It serviced a small village, with a few houses, a  
large Manor house, a mill and a well house.



Walk into the Nave and stand still. Isn't it beautiful?



13<sup>th</sup> Century  
Modern

10 20 40 60  
Scale of Feet

W.H.G.  
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Everyone in our parish is expected to come to this Christian church to worship.

The Nave is where the people sit. I sit in the pews at the back, the gentry are at the front and the very poor sit on bare, wooden benches down the centre of the aisle.

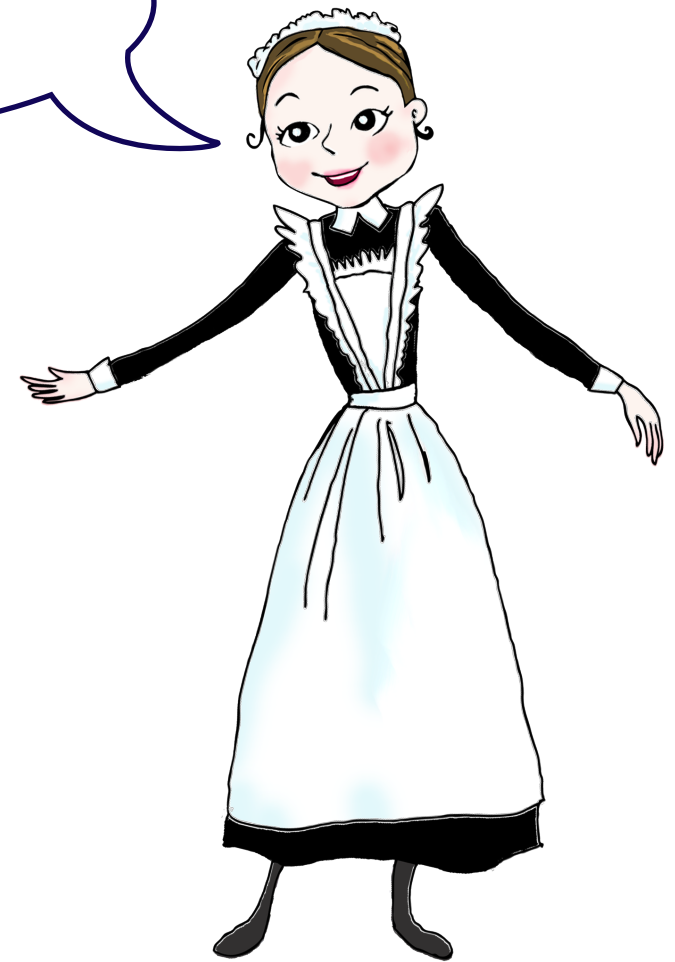
Imagine you are worshipping on a Sunday and find a pew to sit in. Close your eyes and sense the atmosphere of the church. What does it feel like?

The Chancel is where the priest and the choir sit.





Look for the beautiful  
carvings on the pews.





Walk through the archway into the Chancel.

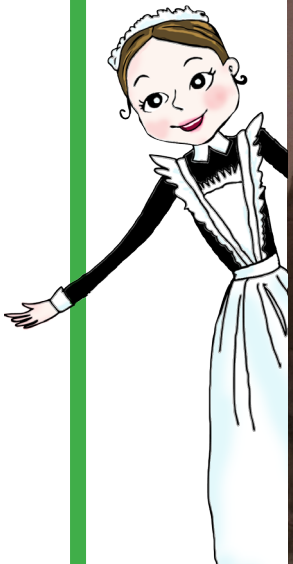
Look how beautiful it is compared to the Nave.

The Stanford family have been the owners of Preston Manor since 1794. Look for memorials with their names on.

Three Sedilia (seats) in the wall are where the priests sat during medieval Mass.

Can you find the crossed keys?  
They are the symbol of St Peter.  
He has the keys to the gates of Heaven.

I love the way the sun shines through the stained glass windows.







Walk back into the Nave.



Look for the font where babies of the parish are christened. It is over 400 years old. It was once lost, then rediscovered years later, buried in the grounds of Preston Manor.

Peak behind the curtains to the tower. The three ropes lead up to the belfry; the bells are rung on Sundays and for special occasions.

Can you find the pulpit, where the priest gives his Sunday Sermon? You can climb up and get a priest's-eye view!

Behind the Pulpit are Medieval wall paintings. These are very old and rare; we are lucky to have them surviving in our church.



Look at the yew trees, they are as old as the church.

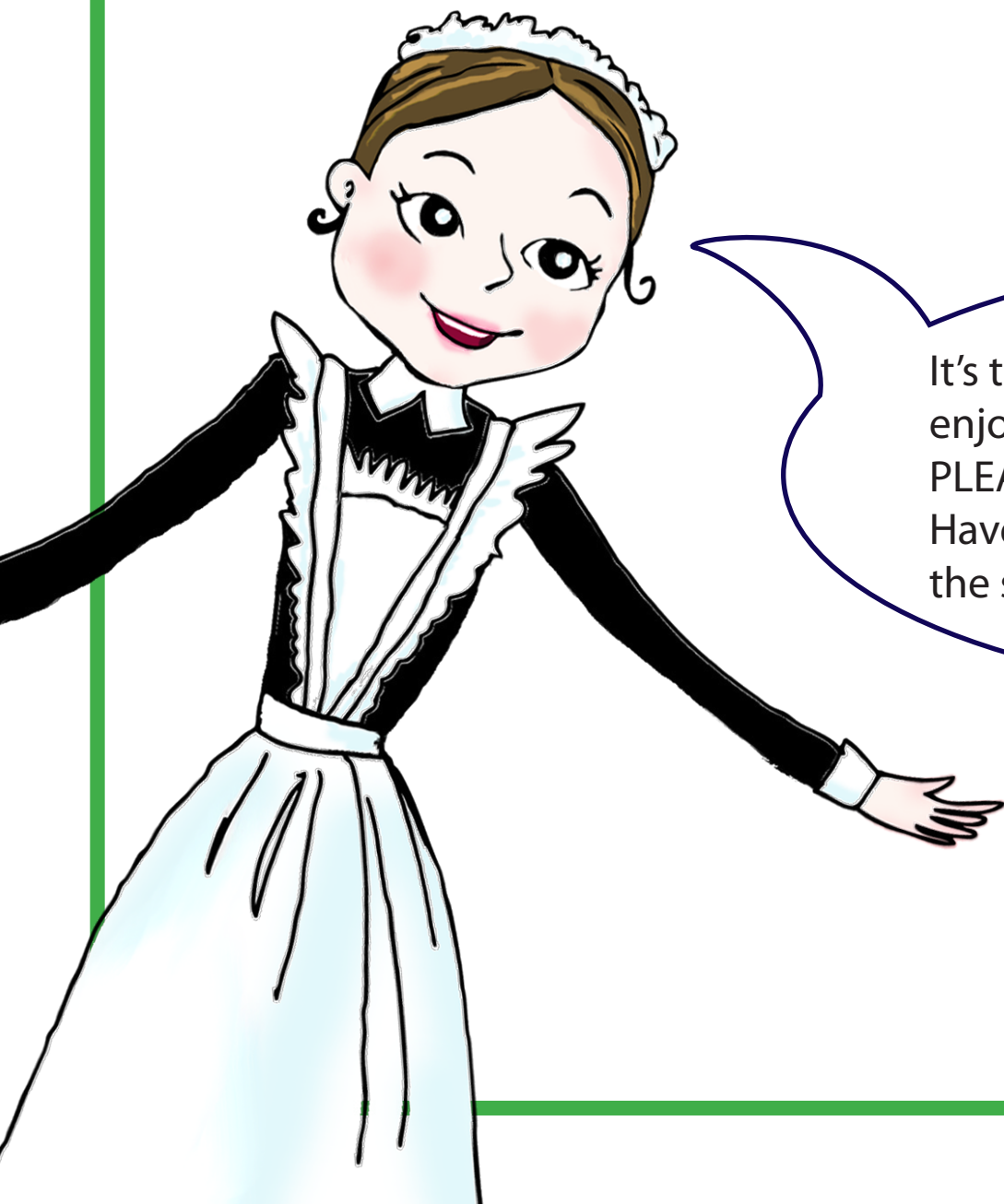


! Leave the church through the Victorian porch.

Creepy fact!!!  
Most burial grounds have yew trees  
because they are poisonous and stop wild  
animals from digging up the dead bodies!

Nearby, can you find the grave of a soldier from  
Brighton who fought in the Battle of Waterloo?  
Did you find his name?





It's time to say goodbye, I hope you have enjoyed your visit. Before you go, PLEASE RETURN YOUR TRAIL. Have a safe journey - are you travelling back on the steam train from Preston Park Station?