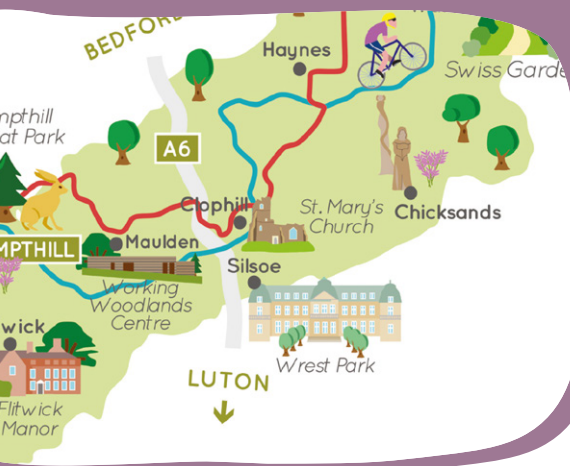


Old Saint Mary's Church

Known locally as Old St. Mary's, the Parish Church, which sits on the edge of Clophill Village, is thought to be around 650 years old.



Old St Mary's was replaced as the Parish Church in 1848 by the present St Mary's Church, which now sits in the centre of the village of Clophill. The Old Church had become too small for the Parish's needs and once the new church was built Old St. Mary's was converted for use as a mortuary chapel. Although it fell into disrepair in the 1950s, the ruin of the old building became Grade II* listed in 1961. It remains a prominent feature in the landscape and continues to provide a destination for visitors.

Take a tranquil stroll along the track to Old St Mary's and discover the array of wildlife in the old Churchyard. Its location on the Greensand Ridge means you will experience some amazing views of the surrounding countryside. The observation tower, which has recently been renovated, offers a spectacular panoramic view. The Clophill Heritage Trust offer tours of Old St Mary's for a small charge. The Trust also manages the Eco Lodges across the track from the Church, selling locally made and natural products. Although there is no vehicular access to the site, parking is available in Clophill Village.



St Mary's Old Church by Mr Biz

Old Saint Mary's Church

People Say:

"One of our favourite routes is Church Path to the Old Church in Clophill."

"A favourite view is the one from the top of the Old Church at Clophill."

Action Points:



Find out more about the history and architecture of Old St. Mary's.



Take a virtual tour of the Church.



Find out about the guided tours offered, including admissions charges.

Info and Resources:

Historic England:

www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1113735

www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/visit/st-marys-old-church-clophill-mk45-4bp/

Tours:

www.clophillecolodges.co.uk/tower-tours