

St Mary, Wycliffe

Near Hutton Magna, Co. Durham



Part 1: Core data

1.1 Listed grade: *II*

1.2 Conservation area: *No*

1.3 Architect: *Mr Jones of Barnard Castle (Diocesan Directory)*

1.4 Date(s): *1848-9*

1.5 Date of visit: *5 February 2008*

1.6 Name of report author: *Neil Burton*

1.7 Name of parish priest and/or contact(s) made on site: *Mr Hedley (parish assistant)*

1.8 Associated buildings: *attached presbytery, former school (both grade II)*

1.9 Bibliographic references:

Carson, R.: *A History of Diocese of Middlesbrough*, 1978

Pevsner, N.: *Yorkshire: The North Riding*, 1966

Part 2: Analysis

2.1 Statement of Importance

A handsome mid-19th century chapel which has been refitted internally but retains some fittings of considerable interest, notably the medieval font. The church is in a prominent hilltop position and forms a good group with the presbytery and former schoolroom.

2.2 Historical background

The Tunstall family of Wycliffe Hall played an important part in the survival of Catholicism in this area. The family built a chapel at the Hall in the 18th century and played a large part in the erection of the present church in 1848-9. At the same time adjoining early-18th century farm buildings were adapted to form the presbytery and schoolroom. The schoolroom closed in 1936 and is now used as a retreat centre.

2.3 Setting

The church, presbytery and former school building stand together in an isolated hill-top location on a lane between Wycliffe Hall and the village of Hutton Magna.

2.4 Description of the building and its principal fittings and furnishings

See list description below. Pevsner notes that the stained glass in the east window is by William Wailes of Newcastle.

2.5 List description:

Building Details:	Details:
Building Name:	LBS Number: 111774
ROMAN	Grade: II
CATHOLIC	Date Listed: 28/10/1987
CHURCH OF	Date of Last Amendment: 28/10/1987
ST MARY	NGR: NZ1222613147
Parish:	
WYCLIFFE	
WITH	
THORPE	
District:	
TEESDALE	
County:	
DURHAM	
Postcode:	

Listing Text:

NZ 11 SW WYCLIFFE WITH THORPE

7/183 Roman Catholic church of St. Mary

GV II

Roman Catholic Church, 1849. Rubble with tooled-and-margined stone buttresses, ashlar dressings and parapet; graduated Lakeland slate roof. Aisleless 3-bay body with west porch. C14 style. Stepped buttresses at angles and between bays; string carried up over windows as hoodmould. Flat-roofed west porch has double flight of steps, with low moulded parapet at head, to central arch of 3-bay double-chamfered arcade; side arches boarded; string below embattled parapet with pierced merlons. Above porch a 3-light window below spheric triangle window; and pointed niche in gable. West door, inside porch, has studded double doors with scrolled hinges in moulded arch with sacred monograms as hoodmould stops. Side walls shows 2-light windows with Y tracery, and similar parapet; coped end gables. East end shows blocked 5-light window and quatrefoil in gable.

Interior: Plastered. Freestone and marble altar, and panelled reredos with kneeling angels under crocketed arches. Font has octagonal bowl with raised shields, one with ihs, in fleur-de-lys borders, probably C15; later shaft and base. Prominent hilltop position.

Listing NGR: NZ1222613147

Building Details:

**Building
Name:**
RAILINGS,
PIERS AND
GATES, TO
WEST OF
ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF
ST MARY

Parish:
WYCLIFFE
WITH
THORPE

District:
TEESDALE

County:
DURHAM

Postcode:

Details:

LBS Number: 111775

Grade: II

Date Listed: 28/10/1987

Date of Last Amendment: 28/10/1987

NGR: NZ1221013148

Listing Text:

NZ 11 SW WYCLIFFE WITH THORPE

7/184 Railings, piers and gates, to west of Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary

GV II

Railings, piers and gates, probably 1849. Cut stone; wrought iron. Dwarf wall carries pointed-arched railings with fleur-de-lys finials; similar returns have single gates, with intersecting bars, between octagonal monolith piers. Included for group value.

Listing NGR: NZ1221013148

Building Details:

Building Name:	Details:
PRESBYTERY TO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST MARY	LBS Number: 111776 Grade: II Date Listed: 28/10/1987 Date of Last Amendment: 28/10/1987 NGR: NZ1224013140
Parish:	
WYCLIFFE WITH THORPE	
District:	
TEESDALE	
County:	
DURHAM	
Postcode:	

Listing Text:

NZ 11 SW WYCLIFFE WITH THORPE

7/185 Presbytery to Roman Catholic church of St. Mary

GV II

Presbytery, formerly a farmhouse. Early C18 refronted in mid-C19. Squared stone with C19 ashlar dressings; rear wing roughly-squared stone with cut dressings. C20 concrete tile roof, except for stone slabs on porch. T-plan. South elevation 2 storeys, 3 bays. Plinth. Centre bay has steeply-gabled porch with pointed arch, flanking buttresses and finial cross; single-light window over. To left a canted bay window with a moulded cornice, and 2-light window above; to right two 2-light windows; all windows plain sashes in chamfered surrounds. Coped gables on moulded kneelers; stepped-and-corniced end stacks. To left a single-storey 1-bay link to church, with paired lancet windows, and string below embattled parapet with pierced merlons; single lancet on left return. West elevation of rear wing shows 4 windows with false flat-arched lintels; two 12-pane Yorkshire sashes, a 9-pane fixed casement and a 4-pane

sash, the ground-floor Yorkshire sash under a segmental head.

Interior: Front block largely mid-C19, with carved open-well closed-string stair. Rear wing has 2- and 3-panel doors on H hinges, and stone stair with splat balusters.

Listing NGR: NZ1224013140

**Building
Details:**

**Building
Name:** OLD
SCHOOLROOM
TO NORTH
EAST OF
ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF ST
MARY

Parish:
WYCLIFFE
WITH THORPE

District:
TEESDALE

County:
DURHAM

Postcode: DL12
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Details:

LBS Number: 111777

Grade: II

Date Listed: 28/10/1987

Date of Last Amendment: 28/10/1987

NGR: NZ1224613152

Listing Text:

NZ 11 SW WYCLIFFE WITH THORPE

7/186 Old schoolroom to north-east of Roman Catholic church of St. Mary

GV II

Schoolroom, mid-C19 adaptation of early C18 building. Squared rubble with roughly-shaped quoins. Stone slate roof, except for pantiles with stone slates to eaves on left part, which has white brick end stack. 1 storey, 5 bays. 3-bay centre has 16-pane sash windows with timber lintels, and traces of earlier openings. Lower bay to left has 9-pane Yorkshire sash and left end stack; lower bay to right has small window, and steps up to boarded door on right return. In use as schoolroom until 1936. Included for group value.

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