



St Swithun's Church

Worcester

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Church Conservation Trust
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- Interpretation plan 2015 - 2016
- Heritage Lottery Funded Project
- Interpretation Budget £50,000

St Swithun's Church, one of Worcester's ancient city parishes, rebuilt between 1733 and 1736 on the site of the earlier medieval church, is a Grade I remarkable complete and unaltered example of early Georgian church architecture. Its external and internal integrity make it an important monument to Georgian taste and it has been described as a perfectly preserved sample of the 18th century church with few equals in the country. Incorporating part of the medieval tower, the Georgian rebuilding was mostly motivated simply by a wish to have a fashionable new church, designed to meet the chief liturgical need of the early 18th century church, which was to have a comfortable 'auditory' fitted up for long services, at a time when the chief focus of the interior was not the altar or holy table, but the pulpit. Although small, St Swithun's was a parish of the urban elite within the commercial focus of the city attracting rich merchants who lived nearby. With many prominent townspeople and traders in the congregation the parish was therefore in a position to build a new and fashionable church.

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Trompe-l'œil suggestion to raise the profile of the offer