



The Becket Chapel

Located in the eastern end of the South aisle, a chantry chapel dedicated to St Thomas Becket, founded in 1331 by John de Stratford. The chapel was serviced by priests, who were trained and lived in the College, built across the road from the Church.

The priests spent their days praying for the souls of benefactors and worshippers visiting the chapel as pilgrims. Having a dedicated College, the church was renamed 'The Collegiate Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity'.

St Thomas was defamed by order of Henry VIII in 1538, the chapel was demolished by order of Edward VI in the Chantries Act of 1547. All that remains are the gold coloured star bosses on the ceiling and a Victorian stained glass window depicting John de Stratford leading a Holy Mass before the main altar of the once prominent Becket Chapel.

There is no charge for your visit

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