



'Resplendent Renovated Church'
Mickfield, Suffolk | IP14 5LF

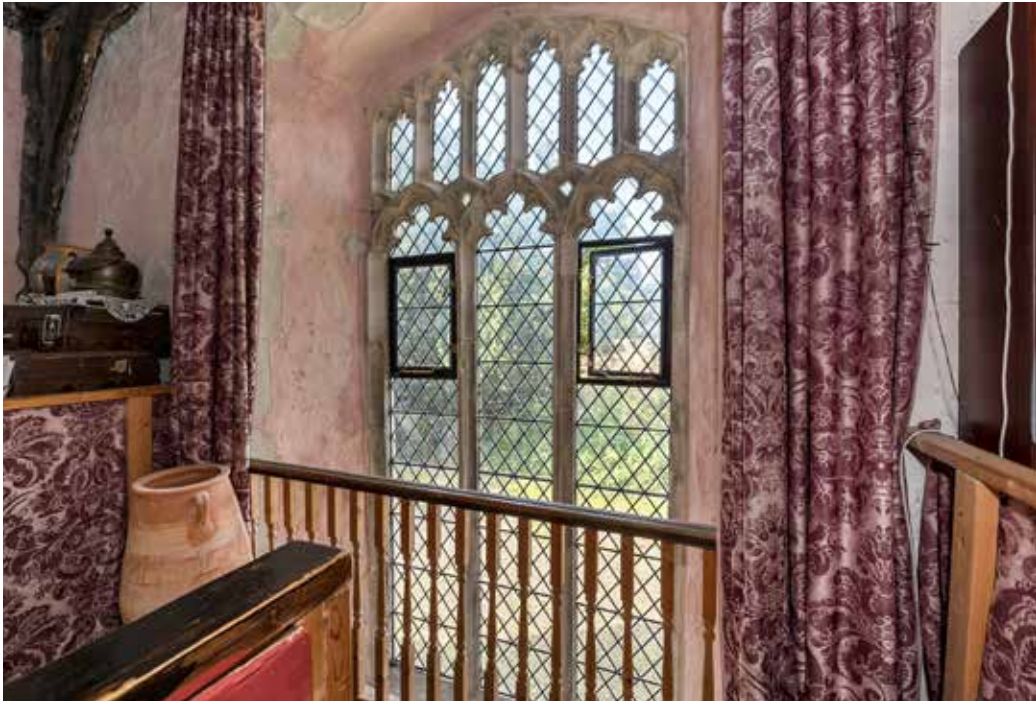
WELCOME



An extraordinary opportunity to own a stunning Grade I Listed Church. This splendid historical gem is packed with fantastic period features and has been carefully renovated through a substantial £1m restoration project, overseen by English Heritage. Set on a plot of around 0.9 acres, stms, it showcases a breathtaking mezzanine bedroom and an impressive living room with soaring vaulted ceiling. Discover the unrivalled charm of this property - it could be the answer to your prayers.







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- Extra Ordinary Opportunity to Acquire a Grade I listed Church
 - Historic Building
 - Fabulous Period Features - Architecturally Interesting
 - Around 0.9 Of an Acre stms
 - Chancel Is Retained for Public Worship at Agreed Times
 - Impressive Sitting Room with Central Wood Burner
 - Kitchen Located in Original Porch
 - Ground Floor Bedroom and Bathroom
 - First Floor Bedroom and Mezzanine Bedroom
 - Double Garage with Planning Permission to Convert to An Annexe

Not everyone has the privilege of sipping their morning coffee in the kitchen while ringing church bells, but for the current owners of this stunning Grade I Listed church, that's their reality. This captivating home, deconsecrated in 1978, has been enjoyed by its current owners for the last six years.

"The church itself has a remarkable 720-year history" shares the current owner, "yet the site's connection to a church, likely of wooden construction, is documented in the Domesday Book." It's truly awe-inspiring to imagine living within the tapestry of centuries-old history, palpable in every corner of the property. The entire building was painstakingly restored to the princely sum of £1m under the stewardship of English Heritage, who approached its restoration with the utmost reverence and care.

The church retains the original character but has been adapted for everyday life. "We have the complete documentation of the renovation," explains the owner "as well as all the original architects' drawings where you can see the tower was re-built, the masonry refurbished, the roof restored and re-tiled and the fabric of the building carefully updated." This fastidiously coordinated effort engaged the skills of the most accomplished craftspeople in their fields, culminating in the incredible building that proudly stands today.

"There is still worship in part of the building." The owner explains. "Next to the sitting room is the Chancel, which is used twice a month for prayers." While the contents of the Chancel belong to the Anglia Church Trust, they can be used by the owner who is also free to use the Chancel for their own purposes outside of worship hours.

* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.













Access to the property is through a pair of impressive 20ft tall Victorian glazed doors on the ground floor of the bell tower. These grandiose doors open into the kitchen, which is equipped with a range of base and wall cabinets.

The kitchen has everything you need and more! While some people browse a newspaper over breakfast, the owners of this property can delight in the medieval graffiti adorning the walls, illustrating scenes of pilgrimages. The owner elaborates on the tradition, explaining how parishioners would declare their intent to embark on a pilgrimage through an initial drawing on the wall. Upon their triumphant return, they would complete the artwork thereby creating a unique historical testament to their journey.

Within the kitchen area there are ropes that descend from the tower above, which serve the unique purpose of ringing the church bells located in the upper section of the tower. Indeed, it's an extraordinary way to summon your loved ones for dinner!

Leaving the kitchen, you step into a carpeted hallway. To the right lies the expansive sitting room area, where a spectacular full-height ceiling extends all the way to the roof of the building. Within this grand space, a double-sided wood burner beckons, ensuring that you can relish in its warm and charm from either side. The walls, adorned with limewash finish and the resplendent church windows (replaced in 2000) inundate the space with natural light, casting dancing patterns across the vast area. From the sitting room, your eyes are drawn upward, allowing you to fully appreciate the spaciousness here, with a mezzanine floor above adding to the sense of openness.

The stone arch that separates the sitting room from the Chancel is draped with heavy curtains. Despite being a place of worship twice a month, the current owners use the Chancel in the interim. "We frequently have breakfast in here,"

the owner says, "it truly is part of the home." The owner is the custodian of two medieval benches that come with this section of the church.

Returning through the sitting room, a right turn into the hall leads to the north door. Here you will find a ground floor double bedroom. Next to the bedroom is a bathroom which has been fitted with a new bathroom suite and separate shower. There is also a separate cloakroom.

Ascending a flight of wooden stairs takes you to the capacious first floor where you will discover a further sitting / dining area. The current owners have a huge dining table set out in this room where they enjoy entertaining, as well as sofas for relaxing after dinner. "There is a fantastic view from up here," explains the current owner, "the view from the west window looks straight across picturesque farmland."

From this floor, you can look down into the sitting room as well as enjoy views through the enormous windows to the fields beyond. "From here you can really appreciate the carved, medieval roof timbers - they are truly breath-taking" enthuses the owner. There is a separate bedroom on this floor, which the owners use as the principal room. Planning permission is in place to create two double ensuite bedrooms on this floor and there is plumbing in place that will help expedite this work.

A staircase leads to a further double bedroom, which boasts stunning views on three sides. A set of wooden stairs lead to a further floor to a room the current owners use as a dressing room.

The property is set back from the road, in a secluded, peaceful location. There is a double garage on the plot, part of which is used as a utility room by the current owners. Planning permission has been granted to convert this into an annexe.



STEP OUTSIDE



The church benefits from a generous plot with a sunny and secluded lawn. There are two huge vegetable beds where the owner grows most of their year-round veg. A wooded area has been designated as a wildflower area, where thousands of daffodils, bluebells, and snowdrops can be enjoyed during the spring months.

Mickfield is a small village in Mid Suffolk, located approximately one mile from the A140. There is a village hall that serves as a hub for many of the community events. The village is within the catchment area of Stonham Aspall Primary and Debehham High School.

Mickfield is situated approximately five miles north-east of Stowmarket, eleven miles north of Ipswich and three miles from Debenham.

The market town of Stowmarket is home to a range of shops and local amenities and provides direct and regular train links into London (approximately 80 minutes) and Norwich (approximately 30 minutes), making it ideal for commuters.

Agents Notes

Tenure: Freehold

Local Authority: Mid Suffolk District Council – Council Tax Exempt

Services: Mains Electricity, Water and Drainage, Oil Fired Central Heating

Directions: From the market town of Diss take the A140 in a southerly direction. Take a left hand turn signposted Mickfield. As you enter the village there is a driveway on the right-hand side directing you to “The Church” - the property is located at the end of the lane on the left-hand side.

What 3 Words Location: Every 3-metre square of the world has been given a unique combination of three words. Download the app and use the following three words to pinpoint the exact location of the property [///orange.flag.prowling](#)



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