



ST. CHAD'S CHURCH

"The church of the shining mere" has it all – scale, romance, history, war, fine features, and stunning views across the adjacent mere.

The original 12th-century church has been twice badly damaged by fire, and rebuilt each time with local sandstone on the same foundations, in the Perpendicular-style.

Around 1380, Owain Glyndwr was married here to Margaret Hanmer, the glamorous daughter of Sir David Hanmer, a Justice of the King's Bench.

In 1643, during the Civil War, Nantwich Roundheads raided the village and stabled their horses in Fenn's Chapel where the organ now stands. Later, a large body of Parliamentary horse and dragoons were cut to pieces nearby, by Welsh Royalists.

St Chad's features in "Bad Blood", the award winning and best selling autobiography of Lorna Sage, who recorded her childhood in Hanmer Vicarage during the post-war years.

Other notable features include stained glass windows by Kemp, exquisite wood carvings, and a lovely Church Square with four listed buildings.

FACILITIES:

- Car parking
- Toilet facilities available in hotel
- Hanmer Country Hotel for accommodation, food and refreshments

PLACES TO VISIT:

- Hanmer Mere
- The Maelor Way circular walks (maps available from Hanmer Post Office)
- The 'Lorna Sage' Trail
- Village shops
- Post Office

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OPENING TIMES:

Open daily:
Dawn til dusk