

The gem of Moreton Jeffries is the small parish church which was “closed” in 1984 and is now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The church is always open to visitors and a Harvest Festival service is held each year.

There is no record of when the first church existed on the site and it is one of the small number with no specific dedication. The present church was built of rough local sandstone probably during the early 14th century which is the date attributed to the trussed rafter roof and the south doorway. At some unknown time the nave with its small timbered bell tower was extended westward by sixteen feet.

The two bells date from 1709 and earlier whilst the chancel roof is of the 17th century as is the impressive carved tiered pulpit with the Clerk’s desk below. Various alterations were made during the 18th and 19th centuries with a new tiled floor being funded by John Morley who is commemorated together with his wife by a plaque in the chancel. The east window was installed by Morley in memory of Thomas Bird who was vicar from 1844 to 1868 and other windows date from the 18th century. In the north wall of the nave are vestiges of an earlier door and at least two narrow windows which can be seen from the outside. There are seats for 70 but even in its latter heyday the parish never numbered more than 40 inhabitants. Since 1884 it ceased to be an independent entity and was administered until 1978 with either the parishes of Stoke Lacy or Much Cowarne which in that year were united with Ocle Pychard to form a single benefice. Today, along with Stoke Lacy it is in the Bromyard group of parishes.