

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Mary SALFORD Bedfordshire

The Issue

The Grade 1 church shelters several Natterer's bat maternity roosts. Services are now held in the chancel. The church community would like bats excluded from the church interior. The church was well known to Bedfordshire Bat Group, who have supported the church community.



What We Did

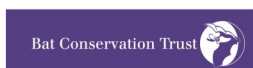
The project commissioned a Bats in Churches survey in 2021. This came up with a variety of recommendations, ranging from hiring a cleaner to building a bespoke bat loft. The community are keen on the bat loft, but the cost is high and other repairs are more urgently needed, so this has not been implemented.

Two popular and well-attended bat walks have been led by Bedfordshire Bat Group.

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