

### St Cassian's Church

A Grade I Listed Building it features in Simon Jenkin's England's 1000 Best Churches. It was restored by Sir G G Scott in the 19th century. The present nave dates from the 12th century with later additions. St Nicholas Chapel was added in the 13th century, the chancel and north and south aisles in the 14th century, and the vestry probably added in the 16th century. The tower and spire were added in the 18th century and the north aisle widened and vestry altered in the 19th century. The fittings include a Norman stone font, which is thought to be the work of the Herefordshire School of sculptors, active c.1125–1150. There are significant Catholic connections - the church has links to Harvington Hall; the Nicholas Chapel at St Cassian's contains some fine pre and post-reformation monuments to the Pakington family, and their remains are interred in the crypt below. Sir Thomas Holte of Aston Hall in 1647 erected a memorial to his daughter Elizabeth.

### *Secret Hiding Places*

Michael Hodgetts died in 2022 but left a major legacy of publications on Catholic history, most notably the authoritative work on priest hides in recusant times *Secret Hiding Places*. First published in 1989 the book was out of print for some time. A new edition was published in 2024 by Paul Hodgetts featuring many new and colourful illustrations of the priest hide locations identified in the first edition. These provide the centrepiece of the illustrated talk that Paul has delivered to a number of audiences since the book appeared two years ago.