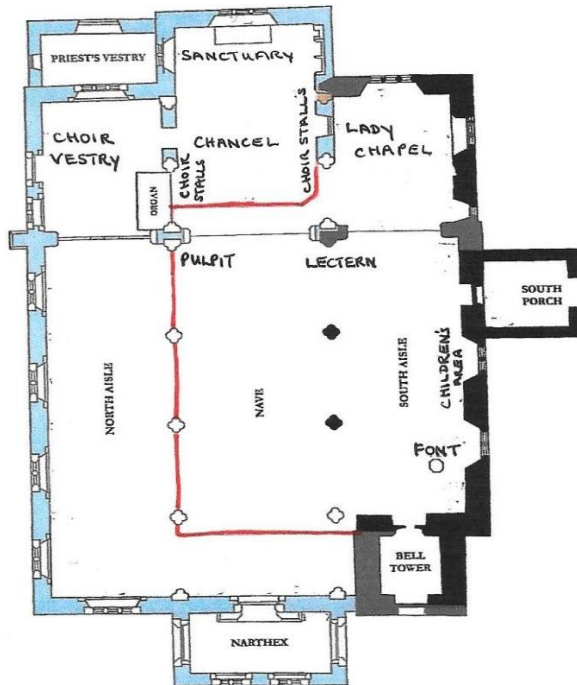


Welcome to St. Isan's Church in the Parish of Llanishen.

In 537 A.D. a pupil monk of St. Teilo named **Isan** established a religious settlement or "Llan" at "The Oval" Llandennis Road, which is north of the Wild Gardens at Roath Park. Later in 1080 Tewkesbury Abbey established St. Mary's Church and Priory in Cardiff and Llanishen church was built as one of the chapels of ease to service the tiny hamlet of Llanishen. Today's church has been built on previous church foundations going back to the 12th century.



St. Isan's Church originally consisted of a Nave, which is now the South Aisle, and a Sanctuary, which is now the Lady Chapel (black outline). It then acquired a 15th century tower and then remained as such until minor alterations were undertaken in 1854. Then, with the arrival of the railway in 1871, alterations were undertaken in 1872 to increase the seating capacity to 182 (red outline). This was accomplished by building another aisle on the north side of the building which is now the Nave. Major building works then took place in 1908 to form the church as it stands today (blue outline) In 2008 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the last extension a total refurbishment was undertaken, new lighting was installed, the pews were stripped of their dark stain and the interior repainted.

Above the door leading into the church from the South Porch is a much defaced **Calvary** depicting the Saviour with two people standing on either side. The Calvary is one of the most important features of the church and is thought to date from the 15th Century or earlier.



The Lady Chapel Altar has a pink alabaster Reredos with a richly carved canopy.



The South Aisle leads to the Lady Chapel with the Children's area on the right. The Lady Chapel and the South Aisle are the oldest parts of the church.



At the west end of the south aisle is the door to the **15th Century Tower** which houses 6 bells. Recessed into the wall next to the tower door is a remnant of a Holy Water Stoup.

The Font is also in the south aisle and is an octagonal stone that dates from 1872. It is a symbol welcoming new members into the community of the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.



The Nave is the main Aisle leading to the **Chancel** steps and on into the **Sanctuary**.



In the chancel are the **choir stalls** and on the left is the **pipe organ** which has 668 interior pipes.



On the left of the Chancel steps is the **Pulpit** dating from 1908.

On the right is the classical **Brass Eagle Lectern** which sits on an oak stand with brass rails.



The Chancel leads to the **Sanctuary** where we find the Altar and Reredos. The Reredos, erected in 1914 is made of Beer Stone and in the centre is a painting of the "Supper at Emmaus". Also in the Sanctuary is found a **piscina** (shallow basin for washing the chalice and paten) and two **Cidilia** (seats).

Other features worthy of study in the church include the stained glass windows, war memorials and plaques, and outside the church the Lych Gate, graves and Preaching Cross.

Thank you for visiting St. Isan's Church

If you would like a more detailed leaflet about the church or information about our services please ask the Stewards. Should you wish to visit our church again or attend a service you will be warmly welcomed.