

Our Vision

The Priory seeks to be a community which responds to God's love in worship, welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ and reaches out in the power of the Spirit.

In 2010 we celebrated our 925th anniversary with a Science and Faith week and a spectacular Son et Lumière bringing to life the history of Malvern and its Priory.



Detail from a recent flower festival

We recently replaced our nave chairs, installed a new sound system and hearing loop, rewired the Priory and installed new lighting.

We are planning to strengthen our bell frame, update our heating system, and are looking to develop the building further with the aim of extending hospitality.

Many events are held in the Priory including concerts, exhibitions and in the summer term a week-long 'Life-path' event for over 600 local primary school children.

What is the Good News we celebrate? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16 from the NRSV translation of the Bible.



Life-path is a Scripture Union inspired local church/school event, held in the Priory for a week every June.

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Welcome to...



Great Malvern Priory

- Over 925 years old
- Fine collection of medieval stained glass and tiles
- Carved misericords (monks' seats) from 14th and 15th centuries
- Charles Darwin's daughter's grave
- Astrolabe prayer candle stand

Visitors are welcome to join our main services on Sunday at 8am, 10.30am and 6.30pm and daily (except Sunday) prayers at 9am.

The Friends of Malvern Priory is a registered charity formed in 1949 for the maintenance and enhancement of the church and churchyard. Membership application forms available in church.

www.greatmalvernpriory.org.uk/the-friends/friends-of-malvern-priory

To all visitors to the Priory

Bought by local people for £20 to save it from destruction in 1541, the Priory has since then been the parish church at the centre of Great Malvern.

This impressive building stands as a testimony to the faith of many generations and has done so ever since Aldwyn founded it as a Benedictine Priory in 1085. It was a monastery for over 450 years. You can find out much more when you visit and there is an excellent guide available in the Priory Shop.

Through all the changes during the Priory's history, one thing has remained constant. Since its foundation, the Priory has been a place set apart for the worship of the Living God. "All for Jesus" is our aim. Day by day prayer is offered to God through Jesus Christ by people who

make up the 'living stones' of the Priory. We pray for those who visit the Priory and would in turn be grateful for your prayers.



Memorable Dates

1066 Battle of Hastings

1085 Aldwyn starts building work a year before the Doomsday Book in 1086

1348-1350 Black Death reduces the number of monks to 10 as they look after dying people

1440 Redevelopment of Priory, taking 60 years, new west window given by Richard of Gloucester.

1539 Dissolution of the Priory with sale of bells and 74 tons of roofing lead

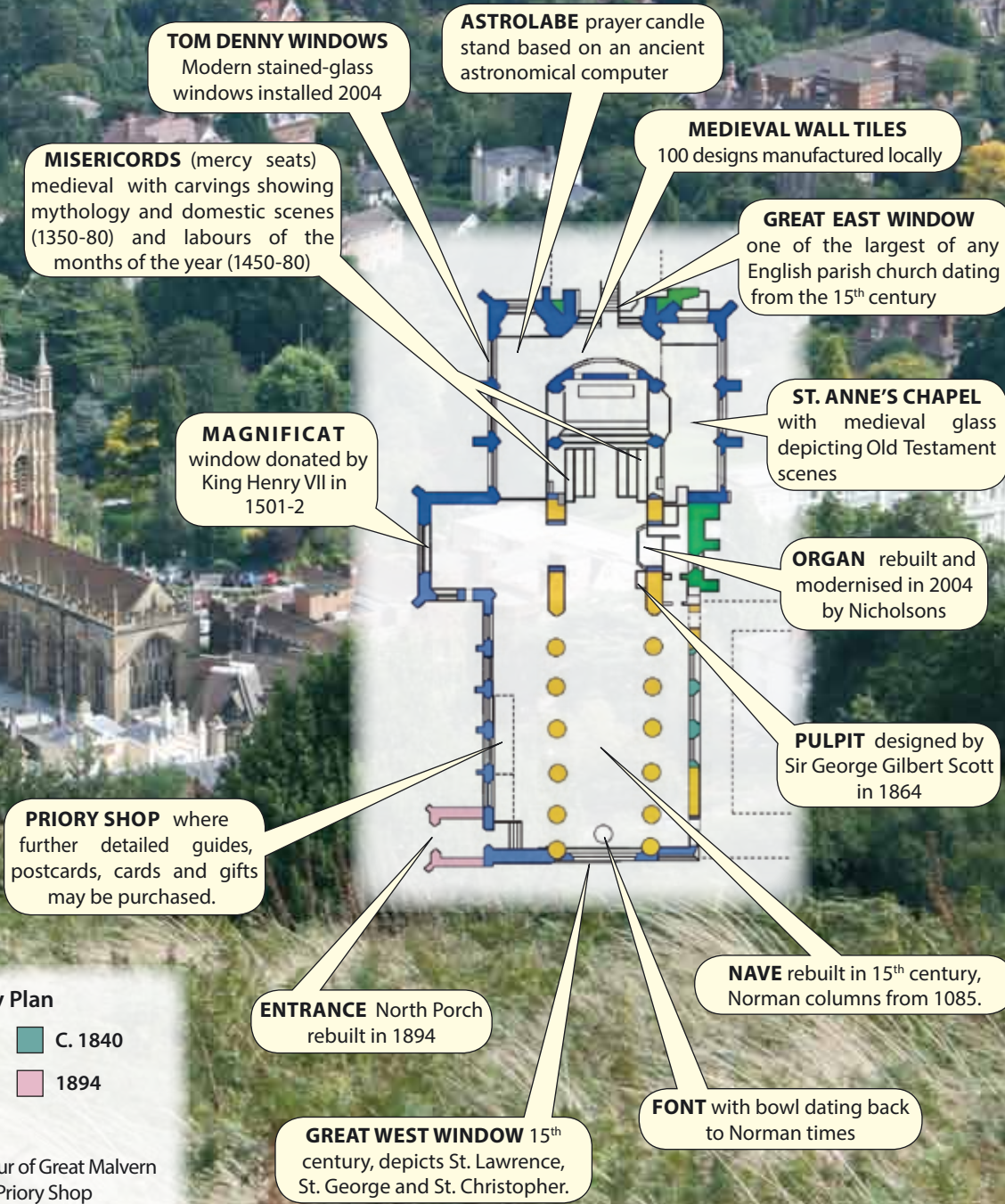
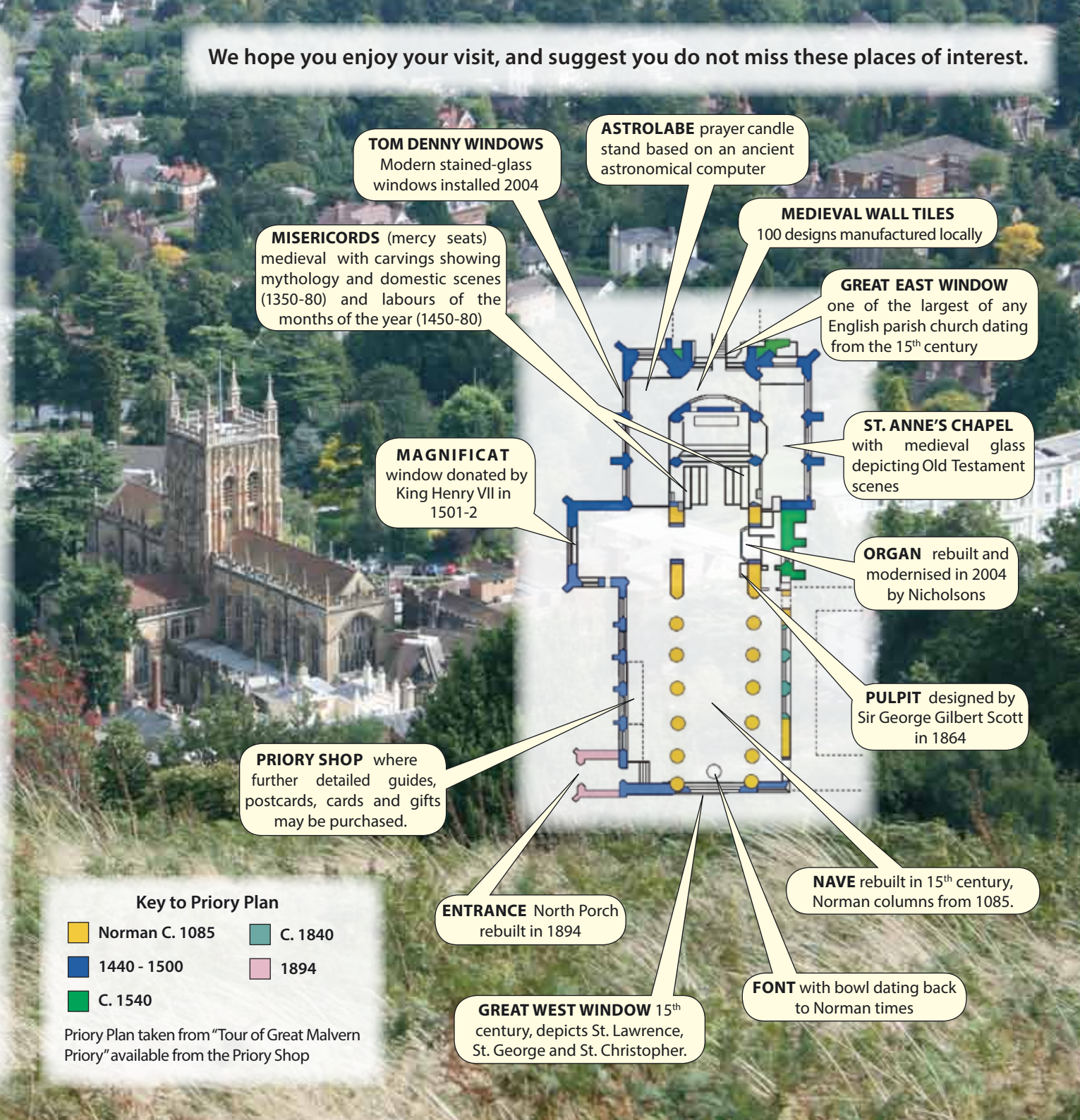
1541 Local people buy Priory for £20

1860 Start of full restoration programme

1939 Removal of stained glass windows for safety during the war

2004 Installation of Tom Denny Millennium Windows

We hope you enjoy your visit, and suggest you do not miss these places of interest.



Key to Priory Plan

■ Norman C. 1085	■ C. 1840
■ 1440 - 1500	■ 1894
■ C. 1540	

Priory Plan taken from "Tour of Great Malvern Priory" available from the Priory Shop