

You can now have your own piece of Wokingham History

Permission has now been given to start gradually selling the pews from All Saints Church in Wokingham as part of their refurbishment plans. They are 3 years short of being 100 years old and are constructed of Austrian Oak.



Austrian Oak is a European hardwood and new seasoned length of wood for the seat alone would cost over £300 if buying a replacement piece of timber.

The construction method used would enable straightforward shortening, should it be required, carried out by a competent local crafts person. If they adapted your purchase into a shorter pew it would leave enough material for at least one coffee table or a bench without end panels. If being considered for outdoor use a preservative coating would be advised.

The nature of the solid timber construction does make them heavy and at least two strong persons would need to be involved in any lifting. **Donations of over £200 per pew** will need to be arranged through the Parish Office along with a time for a supervised collection. Please request either a short(approx 10 foot) or long (approx 12 foot) pew. Purchasers would need to make their own arrangements for transport. More details of individual pews can be found below.

The Parish Office can be contacted on 0118 979 2797
or by email - parishoffice@allsaintswokingham.org.uk

All Saints Church, Wokingham – Description of their Austrian Oak pews

The pews in All Saints Church, Wokingham were installed in **1923** by G H Fellowes Prynne, and are very nearly 100 years old. They are constructed of **Austrian Oak**, with plain square ends, some end panels do have a central moulding placed vertically down their centres. The pew joints are fixed with screws, with wooden plugs to hide the fixings. All pews have fixing holes to allow them to be attached to the floor, but these are not in use in all cases.

Dimensions;

Some pews are 3150mm in **length** (10' 4")
the rest are between 3640
and 3750 mm in **length**
(11' 11" and 12' 4")

All pews have four framed,
solid back panels, smaller
width panels are in the
shorter pews.





Pew ends measure 882mm **high** (34 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")

by 432 mm **wide** (17")

with a **thickness** of 69mm (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")

The **front framing timber** is 56mm (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") wide with a similar piece at the rear.

The **supported panel** is flush on the inside, set back into the frame on the outside. One and sometimes both end panels have a central vertical moulding.

The **end top rail** is 108mm high (4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") with a central 1/3rd rounded moulding along the top.

Seat depth 368mm (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") including 57mm (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") **projecting** beyond the pew end and an overall seat **thickness** of 32mm (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ").

Seat height at front is 432mm from the floor (17")

and at the back is a little lower offering a gentle slope.

The **back of the seat tilts back** to be 362mm (14 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") from the front edge of the pew end at the top (back by 57mm or 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ").

Most of the pews are complete with a **central support** under the seat.

A **book trough** runs the length of the back.



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