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RECORD OF
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**' ALL SAINTS', HAWSTEAD,
SUFFOLK**

in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Record was made in 2007 to 2008 in the incumbency of Revd Martin Thrower, Rural Dean.



All Saints' Church, Hawstead, is about three miles South of Bury St Edmunds. Sometimes called the Westminster Abbey of East Anglia for its numerous monuments, the Church is a memorial to the Drury, Cullum and Metcalfe families.

A church in Hawstead was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Much of the present Church was built in the 16th century but retains features of the earlier Church, such as the Norman North and South door arches and font, the Early English Chancel and some Decorative period windows. It is built of freestone and flint on visible mediaeval shallow foundations, with glacial erratics and intricate flushwork on the Tower. This was rebuilt in the early 1500s and displays heraldic symbols for the Drury family. The Nave and Porch were rebuilt around 1550 and the buttresses of the East end of the Tower stand inside the West end of the Nave.

Urgent restoration work was carried out in 1858, with further work in 1887, mainly instigated and embellished by the last member of the Cullum family who also created a permanent record of his family's ancestry.

No records were made at all from 1921 until the first ever PCC meeting was held in 1974.

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