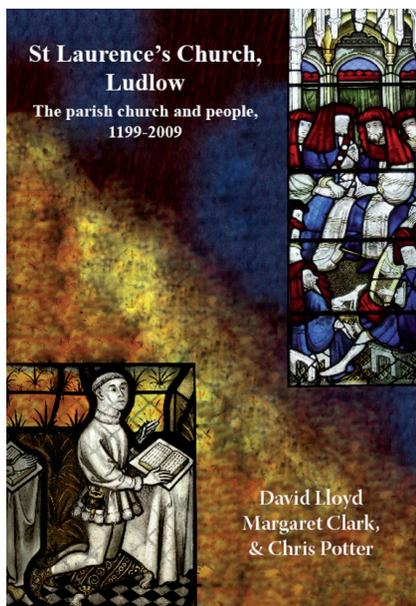


St Laurence's Church, Ludlow The parish church and people, 1199-2009

by David Lloyd, Margaret Clark & Chris Potter



This is in part a book about the physical church: its architecture, its furnishings and glass. But it is even more a book about people: those to whose lives the tombs and memorials in the church bear witness, and many others who have also played their parts in the history of St Laurence's.

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on relations between the church and the townspeople of Ludlow, especially as represented by the Borough Corporation – all this against the dramatic backdrop of the history of the church in England through the centuries.

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