

# The Blessed Sacrament and Holy Oils

The Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus, together with the Holy Oils used in the sacraments of the Church are kept in the two Aumbries, or wall safes, in St Leonard's Chantry Chapel.

The Blessed Sacrament, used for the Communion of the Sick and for the adoration of the Faithful People of God, is reserved in the aumbry next to the altar; a lamp burns perpetually above it. At the Last Supper Jesus left to his Church the means whereby we could participate in his death and resurrection in this world, as well as in the next. In the Bread and Wine of the Eucharist Jesus shares himself with us, giving us both material and spiritual food for our Christian pilgrimage. We acknowledge his Presence in the Sacrament.

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee  
who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail

The Holy Oils are for 1) anointing the sick for Healing, 2) anointing those who are preparing for their baptism, and 3) anointing both people and 'things' which are being set apart for God's use – this latter anointing includes those who have just been baptised, those who are being ordained priest or bishop, items being consecrated for use in Church, and on many other occasions (including the anointing of the monarch at his or her Coronation).