

the CALM BEFORE the STORM



The church of St James, Sutton Cheney c.1811



Sutton Cheney and its story

According to tradition, Richard III visited St James Church in Sutton Cheney to attend mass and pray before the Battle.

It's commonly believed that King Richard and his army camped on the elevated terrain near Ambion Hill, Sutton Cheney, and Stapleton. From this vantage point, they could see the plain of Redemore where Henry's army was stationed to the South West.

Religion played a significant role in medieval life, and before any battle, soldiers and kings alike would pray for strength, triumph, and the salvation of their souls.



Soldiers Preparing for Battle. Artwork by Owain Kirby.

The Calm Before The Storm – meditation and reflection

Prior to a major event, there often comes a moment when intense nerves turn into complete composure.

During this moment, an individual stands in front of a mirror, contemplating the gravity of their responsibility and questioning if they possess the necessary qualities.

Richard felt the weight of his soldiers' lives and the future of his country on his shoulders. Yet during this moment of introspection, the king transformed into an ordinary man, stripped of his authority. He knelt before his maker, uncertain of what the following day may bring.



THE TRAIL

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