



The Panelled Room

This room was originally the 'solar' and the east gallery which adjoins it was the garderobe. These were private rooms for the Bishop away from the busy medieval hall.

The wood and plaster panels date from the 18th century and were not altered by Bishop Bagot's extensive building work (1845 – 1854).

These rooms you have visited have formed the residence for Bishops from the early 13th century until the Second World War. After Bishop Underhill (1937 – 1943) moved to the north wing so that the pupils and staff of St Brandon's School, Bristol, could be evacuated to a safe place.

After the war in 1945, when there were shortages of all kinds and these rooms were in need of repair, the Church Commissioners took the decision to move Bishop Bradfield (1946 – 1960) to the north wing which had been servant's quarters since the mid-15th century. It was left to Bishop Henderson (1960 – 1975) to restore and open the Palace to visitors.