



THE CHURCH TRAIL: THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF BONCHURCH

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BONCHURCH



Notable features

This church is tiny, smaller than your classroom. The first stone church was 10m by 4m and built in the 1300s it was made bigger so it is now 15m long. At that time there were only a few people living here that only a small church was needed.

Outside

When you look at the church you can see that the church is neat and well cared for. There are gravestones around the church so the gravestones go right up to the walls. How many different types can you find?

Inside

The door is very old and has a painting. There is a window opposite but very strong. Opposite, high up is a wall because Henry VIII's son destroyed them all. We think that it is of the Last Supper.

The origins of the church

Most of the walls you see are from the Twelfth Century, but St Boniface lived in the Eighth Century.

This means there has been a church on this spot for 1200 years.

This area is called Bonchurch after St Boniface, which means someone who does good things.

St Boniface lived in Winchester and was made a bishop in Germany.

He travelled by boat to Germany and stopped on the Isle of Wight on his way there.

The Victorian era and after

In the Victorian era the number of people living in Bonchurch began to increase.

So there was not enough space for them to go to church, this is why the new church was built on the hill.

This old church is still used once a month and services are lit by candles.

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Tick when you spot these at the Ancient Church of St Boniface!

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Outside

Inside



Double-headed window



Bell Tower



Seat for Sunday School



Wall Painting of Last Supper



Table Tomb



Headstone in unique local design



Hatchment



Font



Tomb for a married couple



Calvary Cross



Bishop's Chair



Piscina



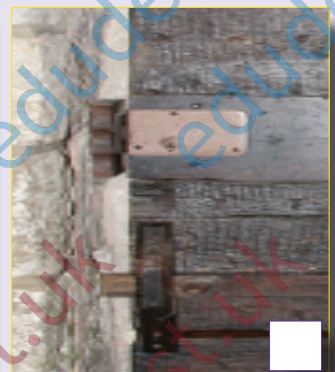
Celtic Cross



Cross made to look like wood



Lectern



Simple door lock

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