



THE CHURCH TRAIL: ST AGNES

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Notable features

You will have already seen that St Agnes is a small village, but it has a thatched roof and hundreds of thatched cottages on the Island.

Outside

St Agnes is built from a discoloured stone with a lot of thatched cottages. Can you find any thatched cottages?

Inside

St Agnes is built from stone and this is unusual for the Isle of Wight.

The origins of the church

In the Nineteenth Century, Freshwater Bay became a very popular holiday resort.

In those days, people did not have cars and so walking nearly two miles to Freshwater to go to church at All Saints was too far.

So, Tennyson's son gave the land for the church to be built in Freshwater Bay. The church was dedicated to St Agnes, who protects people going to be married, gardeners and girls.

One of the most unusual things about St Agnes, however, it was only built a hundred years ago, not the thatched cottages you see all round the

people using local materials. The stone came from the farm and putting it into this new building.

carved wood. This windows are clear glass so the end of the church near the altar is rounded; Wight.

The Victorian era and after

St Agnes was done during World War Two by Thomas Gardner, a vicar and priest.

You will clearly see the stone work and his church.

You can see from the windows on the walls that people still love the church today.

How many features can you spot in St Agnes Church?

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Outside



Thatched Roof



Inside



Lectern



Wood carving on pillars

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Windows with plain
lintel and mullion



Bell Tower



Litany Desk



Bishop's Chair



Choir Stalls



Plaque in memory of
Tennyson's god-daughter



Date Stone



Apsidal Chancel



Carved Roof Screen