



## THE CHURCH TRAIL: THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF S

## BONCHURCH



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### Notable

The Church is notable for its extension for the original Saxon church people living nearby.

### Outside

You can see the pointed and the right up to the devil lurked. choice of the

### Inside

You can see the strength and - sadly dec before peop in Holland a Hill family.

### The origins of the church

The building we see is mostly Norman from the Twelfth Century and later. However, it is dedicated to St Boniface, who lived in the Eighth Century so it is likely that the site has been used as a church for at least 1300 years.

The monk Winfrith began his career in Winchester but when the Pope made him Bishop of Mainz in Germany he was renamed Boniface or 'doer of good'. The legend goes that Boniface stopped on the island on his way to Germany, giving rise to the name Monk's Bay for the shore nearest the church.

Bishop Boniface was martyred in 755 and then made into a saint. He was then adopted as the patron saint of this church some time after.

Bonchurch appears in the amazingly detailed Norman investigation into how much tax everyone should pay: Domesday Book.

In this it is called **Bonecerce**: *bone* a shortened version of Boniface and *cerce* the Anglo-Saxon for church.

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ing and less than 4m wide, but this includes the was completed in the Fourteenth Century. The size of less however, because there would have been few church would have been all that was needed.

uilding is well cared for; the walls are beautifully. The shortage of space means that graves crowd on, even on the north side where it was thought the variety of grave stones - their type and style is due to the skills of the local stonemason.

oak door made of vertical and horizontal planks for it near the roof there is some medieval wall painting. Last Judgement. Paintings were more important cross on the altar is Seventeenth Century, it was made k with age. On the south wall is a hatchment to the

### and after

and had been increasing since George III had houses began to be built along the road by Bonchurch

island's attractions by books of etchings by the there are etchings of most of the houses in the area: East Dene, Upper Moulton, Bonchurch and Winterbourne.

number of residents was increasing significantly, which is why the new large church was needed.

the old church, both in the morning and evenings by

urch was written by another of the famous residents, available in the church.

# What to look out for at the Ancient Church of St Boniface

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Outside



Double-headed window



Bell Tower

Inside



Seat for Sunday School



Wall Painting of Last Supper

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Table Tomb



Headstone in unique local design



Hatchment



Font



Tomb for a married couple



Calvary Cross



Bishop's Chair



Piscina



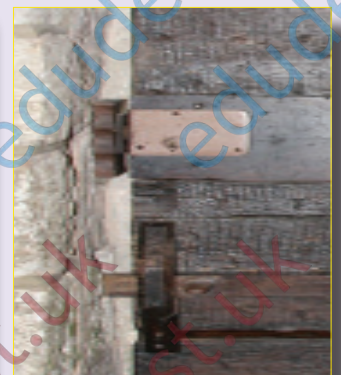
Celtic Cross



Cross made to look like wood



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Simple door lock

