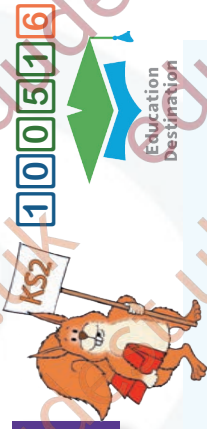




THE CHURCH TRAIL - CHURCH OF ST MARY

BRIGHSTONE



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for and full of flowers almost all year. The more but seats that can be moved. This sorts of different events in the church. For is a Christmas Tree Festival where everyone is decorated.

fferent types of grave stones in the rows which is unusual. Look for the ones that Also the churchyard has lots of yew trees, mind people of Christ's blood.

hat means there are lots of interesting things e seats for the Sunday school pupils with . Imagine only being able to do to school for window has stained glass that tells a Bible e people could read, pictures like these would learn.

The Victorian and after

Near to St Mary's church is a building called the Three Bishops. It has this name o were priests in Brighthstone went on to priests become bishops so for three to achieve this from a country which is amazing.

Then in 1852 William Pitt Rivers became the priest and he had an interest in oes not mention dinosaurs. So for a priest to was very risky because it suggested that the truth.

Lots of dinosaur bones have been found on the south coast of the Island.

Notable

The churchyard is well known for the fact that the church does not have any graves. This means that the church is a living church. For example, at Christmas there is a tree that is decorated.

Outside

There are a number of interesting things in the churchyard, but the most interesting are the ones which have been decorated.

Inside

St Mary's church is a very interesting place to find. In brightly coloured stained glass windows an hour a day. There are a number of interesting stories or a have been told.

The origins of the church

In the Ninth Century this part of the Island was given by the King to the to the Bishop of Winchester. This tells us it must have been rich and important.

We cannot see anything of St Mary's church from this time. The four pillars as you enter date from 1190. After this St Mary's was made longer and wider because it needed to hold more people.

The sea is clearly visible from the church so warnings of the enemies came from Brighthstone in 1377 and 1588.

The Church of St Mary had a store of arrows and pikes to help defend the island. On the north side of the church there was a place to store the town cannon.

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Can you find these features at Church of St Mary, Brighstone?

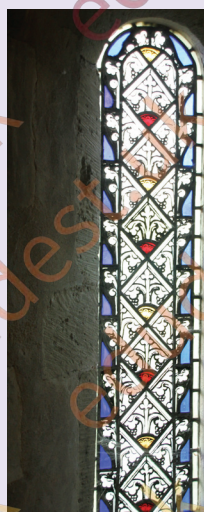
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Outside



Decorative Encaustic Tiles

Inside



Decorative painted arch



Celtic Gravestones



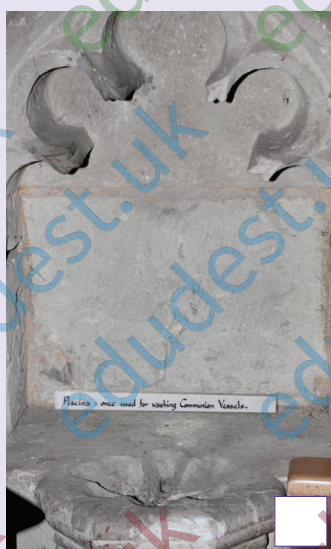
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Candle Chandelier

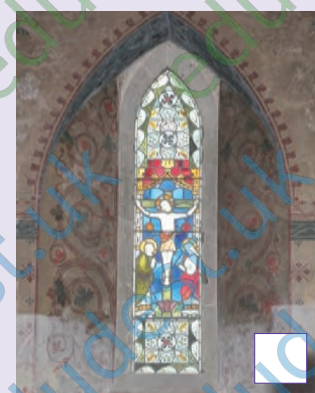


Altar



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Painted Window



Date Stone - 1190



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