



## THE CHURCH TRAIL: ALL SAINTS

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WATER



### Notable features

Where you come in All Saints' churchyard from the sea, there is a lych gate. This was made to give the men who carried the coffin somewhere to rest before they were buried. The three pointed roofs at All Saints are equal in shape, this makes the church look symmetrical.

#### Outside

The churchyard is full of yew trees. The yew trees are also the wood was also used for making bows in the Middle Ages. The graves of Tennyson's family are here, but as an important poet he was buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

#### Inside

The unusual thing about All Saints' Church is that you can walk behind the altar, like you can in big cathedrals. This is unusual for a church. The floor there is a brass knight who fought in the Crusades in the Twelfth Century.

### The origins of the church

All Saints' is thought to be one of the first churches on the Isle of Wight. Christianity was brought to the island in about 430 AD. The first stone church was built not long after 1066. Before then, churches were made of wood. The first stone church was built not long after 1066. Before then, churches were made bigger so many times in the one thousand years.

### The Victorian period and after

The church that you see today is mostly what was built in the Victorian period. The work was completed in 1874, so it was the same time as the new churches in St Lawrence and Bonchurch. This is why these churches look similar.

All Saints' was the church of the Tennyson family and has a memorial to this famous poet. Can you find it?

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# How many features can you spot in All Saints' Church?

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Outside



Lych Gate

Inside



Tennyson Memorial



Stained Glass Lion

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Tennyson Family Grave



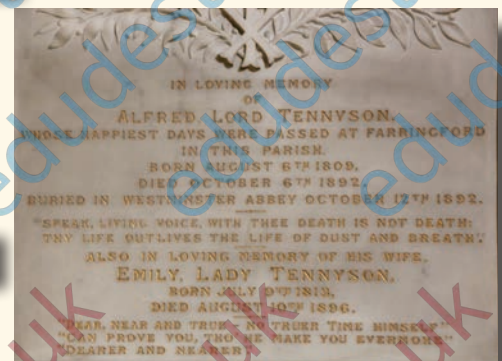
Churchyard Cross



Pulpit



Font



Tennyson Plaque