



THE CHURCH TRAIL: ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

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Notable features

The church of St Peter and St Paul's is the main character in the film 'War Horse' about World War One. It has recently been playing the part of the church in the film.

Outside

The churchyard is a beautiful place with many insects and lichens.

Inside

St Paul's is a beautiful church with many interesting features. The church is a beautiful place to visit and shows how the church has changed over time.

The origins of the church

Mottistone is in Domesday Book so there was a village here in 1086.

However, the Long Stone on the hill above Mottistone tells us people lived here thousands of years before that. This means that Mottistone could be the oldest settlement on the island.

The only parts of the first church we can now see are the pillars in the middle of St Peter and St Paul's. At that time, they would have been the north wall but were made into pillars when the church was made bigger in the Fourteenth Century.

The Victorian period and after

The Seely family bought Mottistone manor and church in 1861. At that time the church needed a lot of repairs.

Seely did this work on the church of St Peter and St Paul is only about fifty years old.

The ceiling is made of wood taken from a ship that was wrecked nearby in 1862.

The grandson of the Seelys was made Lord Mottistone because of his bravery in World War One.

Paul at Mottistone is now better known because of the film 'War Horse' about World War One. Then more recently the church has been playing the part of the church in the film 'War Horse' about World War One. Then more recently the church has been playing the part of the church in the film 'War Horse' about World War One.

There is a good view from the church of the sea and the hills. There are a lot of unusual plants and animals. There are a lot of unusual plants and animals. There are a lot of unusual plants and animals.

The church has been changed many times. The iron gates on the hill above Mottistone tell us people lived here thousands of years before that. This means that Mottistone could be the oldest settlement on the island.

How many features can you spot in Mottistone's Church?

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Outside



Churchyard Cross



The Lych-gate

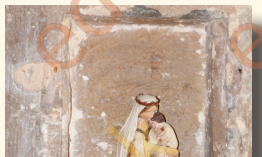
Inside



Stoop



Cedar Roof from sunken ship



Decorated cornice



Font

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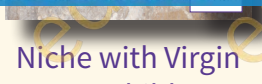
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Stone Steeple



Lancet Windows



Niche with Virgin & Child



Lost Window



The North Door



A pottery head stone



Pulpit



East Window



Nature Board



Plain Glass Window



St Peter & St Paul Window

