



THE CHURCH TRAIL: THE PARISH CHURCH OF

BONCHURCH

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Notable features

This church was built in the 12th century and is one of the oldest in the parish. It is a Grade I listed building and is a Scheduled Monument.

Outside

There are lots of gravestones and a path as you walk to the church. The church is surrounded by a wall and a gate.

Inside

The inside of the church is very beautiful. There are many stained glass windows and a large organ.

The origins of the church

The ancient church appears in the Domesday Book - this means that it is very old.

It is named after St Boniface who landed on the Island at Monks Bay in about the year 750.

After 1800 the population of Bonchurch village began to get bigger so there was not enough space in church for all of them so that is why they built this new church up the hill from the old one.

The Victorian church

The new church was built in 1840 and is a Grade II listed building. It was built by the rich people of the parish.

There were lots of people who lived in Bonchurch at that time, the poet Algernon Charles Swinburne and the author Charles Dickens were two.

So although it cost a lot of money to build, it was worth it as it got all the money needed.

The old church had space for 24 people, the new one for 300. This tells us that there were a lot more people living in Bonchurch.

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Tick when you spot these at the Parish Church of St Boniface!

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Outside

Inside



Romanesque Door



Outside Light



Altar



Pulpit



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Swinburn family grave



Ornamental Grave



Bishop's Chair



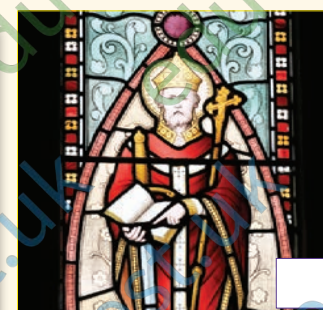
Choir Stalls



A sea-themed grave



A cross without arms



St Boniface stained glass window



St Stephen with potatoes



A family obelisk



Celtic Cross



Hammer Beam Roof



The East Window



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