St. Candida & Holy Cross
Whitchurch Canonicorum

The only English Parish Church to have a shrine with the relics of a female Saint, St. Wite, enclosed above ground. Come and place your request.

St Gabriel
Morcombelake

‘GOD IS LOVE’ meets you over the entrance, texts guide you through the porch and a Bible lies open for you to read words that speak of love and life.

St Andrew
Monkton Wyld

Considered a gem by the Victorian Society for being entirely built at one time. Enjoy the decorations like this angel, one of a pair on the organ.

St Paul
Wootton Fitzpaine

Find the window with the pelican. The fable that the bird feeds her young with her own blood results in the pelican being an early symbol for Christ.

St Mary
Catherston Leweston

How many angels can you find? Supporting the nave roof the angels hold symbols of the Crucifixion and in the chancel they play musical instruments.

St John The Baptist
Hawkchurch

Find the headless squirrel! Fine carvings around the pillars show the humour and skill of these craftsmen.

St John The Baptist
Fishpond

If you arrive on a sunny morning you will be rewarded with the full beauty of the semi-abstract window by Arthur E. Buss, the colours reflecting on the white walls.

St Andrew
Charmouth

Reminding us of the days when Abbeys were large landowners, this area came under Sherborne. This anonymous abbot is carved in front of a stone cross.

St Mary
Marshwood

This is the place to sit - a bench with a view! A vantage point looking out across Marshwood Vale awaits you. Be inspired as you look out to the sea in Lyme Bay.

St Giles
Chideock

The Arundel Chapel contains a splendid 15th Century marble tomb and effigy of a knight, possibly Sir John Arundel.

St Michael The Archangel
Lyme Regis

Not only does this significant font meet you at the entrance but you have to walk around it! A pulley system lifts the intricate cover.

St Stephen
Bettiscombe

Jesus says to the waves: “Peace, be still”. A window shows three occasions involving Jesus and the sea. May you find peace and stillness within this Church.
An invitation to explore 12 beautiful churches, discover more on a journey of faith.

I am delighted to encourage people to follow this Pilgrimage Trail in the Golden Cap Team. The rich Christian heritage, focused on Jesus of Nazareth, is deeply rooted in these parish churches. The history of England in this beautiful part of Dorset is manifested in the architecture, furniture and memorials.

Trails are great fun. Families of all ages will enjoy exploring these churches and moving onto the next one on the list.

Discover our Pilgrimage Trail

A welcome message from the Bishop of Sherborne

The Rt Revd
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