

OLYMPIC PILGRIMAGE TRAIL “SEEKING GOLD”

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER

Holy God, you are the source of our life and the goal of journeying. Guide us by your Holy Spirit along the pilgrimage of our lives. Strengthen us when the road is tough, let us not forget you when the path is

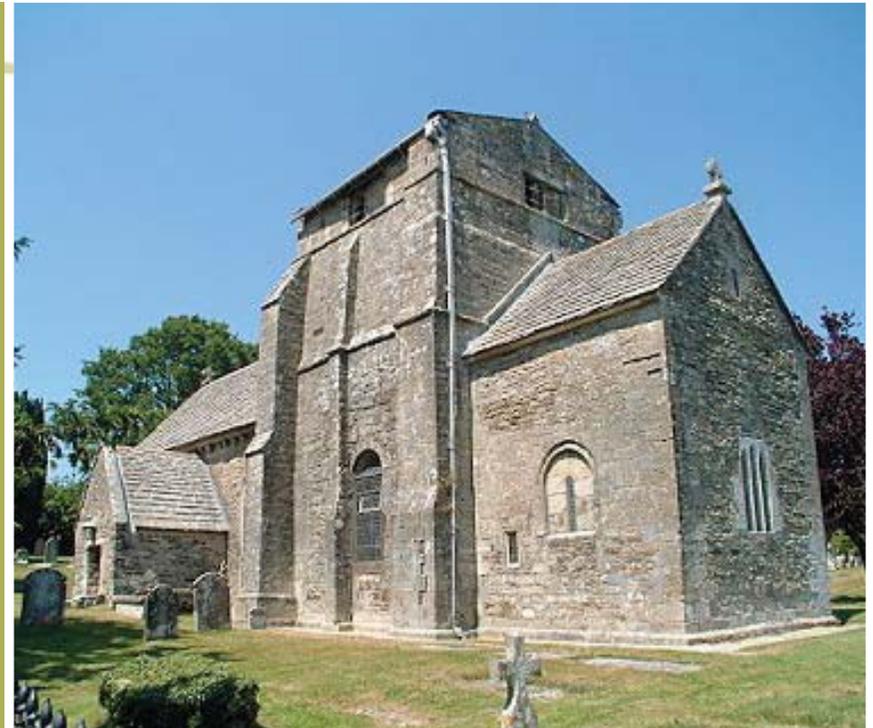
smooth; and may we share your love with companions along the way. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Nicholas Holtam,
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ST. NICHOLAS,
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Look at the wonderful decoration on the capitals around the central space, on which the boldly-carved arches rest. The choir stalls stand where once the altar was placed, a focal point enhanced by the care and skills of the stone carvers and the light from the south window. In bread and wine, blessed at the altar each Sunday, the people of Studland have remembered the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, wondered at the loving forgiveness of God, and afterwards returned to the world to reflect that love in their daily lives.

Please pray that this church of St Nicholas may continue to be a reminder of God's love, and of his presence in this place.

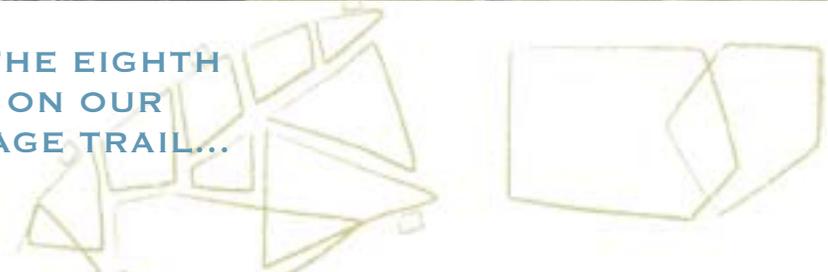


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THIS IS THE EIGHTH
CHURCH ON OUR
PILGRIMAGE TRAIL...



St Nicholas Church, Studland Welcome!

Visitors and residents alike have sought and found peace in this place for almost a thousand years. St Nicholas' was built on the site of St Aldhelm's eighth-century Church, which probably replaced a Roman temple, as evidence of a settlement has been found in a nearby meadow.



Under the eaves outside the church are many delightful carved heads, caricatures of ancient parishioners, their farm animals and pets. They remind us that the church is at the heart of community life.

Please pray for Studland, for all who live or work here, and all who come for holidays.



The nave and pews remind us of the people who worship here each Sunday, praying for the needs of the world, of this community, and of individuals. They recall those who come to celebrate new life in baptism, to ask God's blessing on their marriage, and to commend to God's care those whose earthly life has ended.

Take a moment to sit in the pews, to wonder at God's love, and to join your prayers with theirs.

The font under the gallery is believed to be Saxon and possibly from the even earlier church. Here through baptism young and old have been received into the Christian life, down the centuries and today.

Please pray for all who worship here, and think of the fourteen centuries of faithful Christian worship that this place has seen.

The porch is a modern addition, but it gives shelter at the entrance to the church, reminding us of words from Psalm 91:

"You who live in the shadow of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'"