

ExploreChurches

Discover the wonder of the UK's sacred heritage

For people who love church buildings



A quick straw poll



ExploreChurches

A new and exciting place to promote churches.

ExploreChurches is part of the Trust's church tourism work, which also includes:

- project development and partnerships across the country
- bespoke tourism, heritage, interpretation and promotion training for volunteers
- commissioning of high quality content for use by us and our partners to promote churches and their heritage
- church tourism and visitor research, alongside ongoing user testing of the website

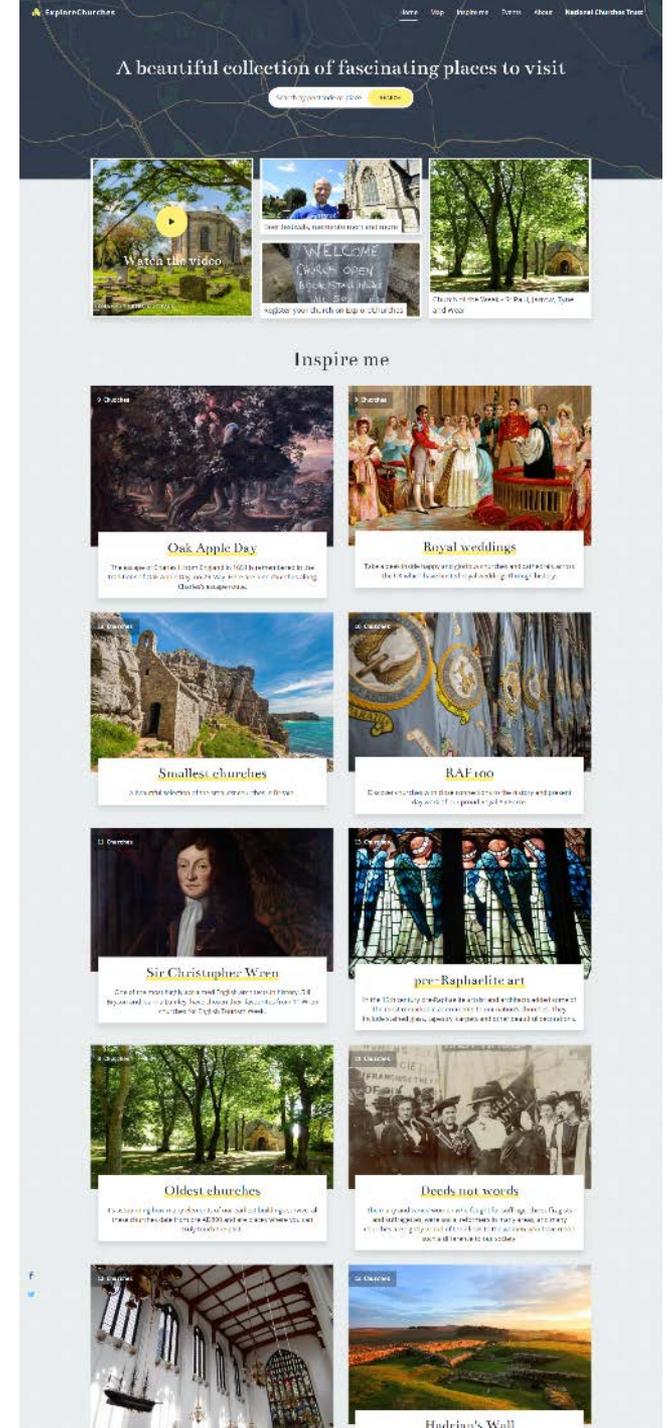


EXPLORERS LOCAL COMMUNITY local history societies
congregation TOURISTS HOMELESS SCHOOL GROUPS
church crawlers local workers quiet seekers visitors
casual visitors WALKERS bell ringers other faith groups
VOLUNTEERS cyclists HISTORY BUFFS

ExploreChurches 2017

ExploreChurches currently features:

- regularly changing homepage to engage people and stay at the top of search engine rankings
- themed lists of churches, to encourage and engage new audiences
- detailed church pages, which include all the information needed by visitors
- the opportunity for visitors to leave feedback and comments
- links to church websites, social media, and other online resources





Oldest churches

Churches in Britain date back to the 6th century AD, and the oldest surviving churches in the country are the 5th-century churches of St Martin in Cambridge and St Andrew in East Angles. The building of churches in the early medieval period was a direct result of the growing influence of Christianity in the region, leading to the construction of many early churches. The oldest churches in the country are the 5th-century churches of St Martin in Cambridge and St Andrew in East Angles. The building of churches in the early medieval period was a direct result of the growing influence of Christianity in the region, leading to the construction of many early churches.



AD597

St Martin is part of the 5th-century Anglo-Saxon church. It is a simple rectangular building with a prominent arched entrance. The church is made of stone and has a simple design. It is a good example of early medieval architecture.

Visit: [St Martin](#)

AD650
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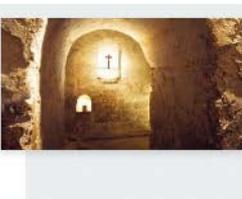


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Visiting information

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We would love to know how much you enjoyed your visit.

Survey form with three columns: 'Always', 'Sometimes', 'Information'. Each column has a star rating system and a 'No stars yet' message.

Comments

Comment form with a text input field for the name, a text area for the comment, and a 'Post' button.

Any county Any features

Any denomination Any facilities

Search by Postcode or Place **APPLY FILTERS**

Bingley | Yorkshire | BD16 2RH

All Saints

In 2018 All Saints is celebrating 500 years of the current building. All are welcome into our family.



Abbeydore | Herefordshire | HR2 0AA

St Mary (Dore Abbey)

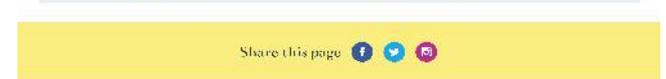
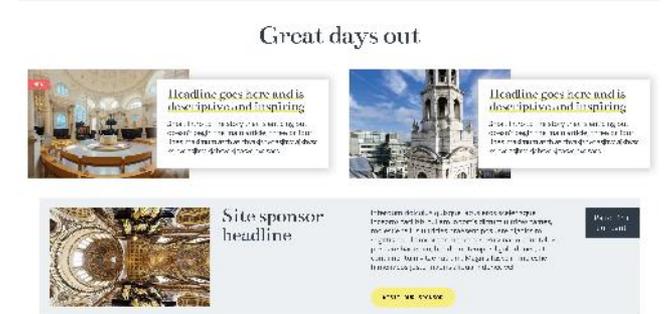
This will be the first church that many people visit when exploring the beautiful and aptly named Golden Valley. It is all that is left of a Cistercian abbey founded here in 1147, and consists of what had been the presbytery, crossing and transepts of the abbey church. Much of it dates from the 12th and 13th centuries, though the tower is 17th century.



ExploreChurches 2018

ExploreChurches new features:

- a vibrant new homepage
- newly commissioned video content throughout
- new trails and pilgrimages feature
- new events calendar, with events pulled through to the homepage and individual church pages
- new campaigns areas, to promote churches more effectively
- a new map, with the ability to filter by multiple search terms or areas
- improved themed lists, adding a map and more detail
- additions to the church pages, including a better slideshow widget, downloads and related contact links



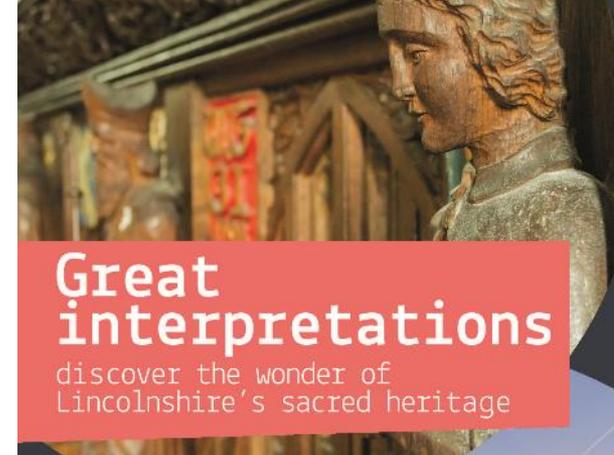
Great Interpretations

A new project, working in the Horncastle area of east Lincolnshire, helping churches to:

- tell their story
- open their doors
- develop their churches festival
- create great new contact for ExploreChurches and others
- train volunteers; tourism, photography, film
- research church visitors
- Identify niche markets
- Create themed products



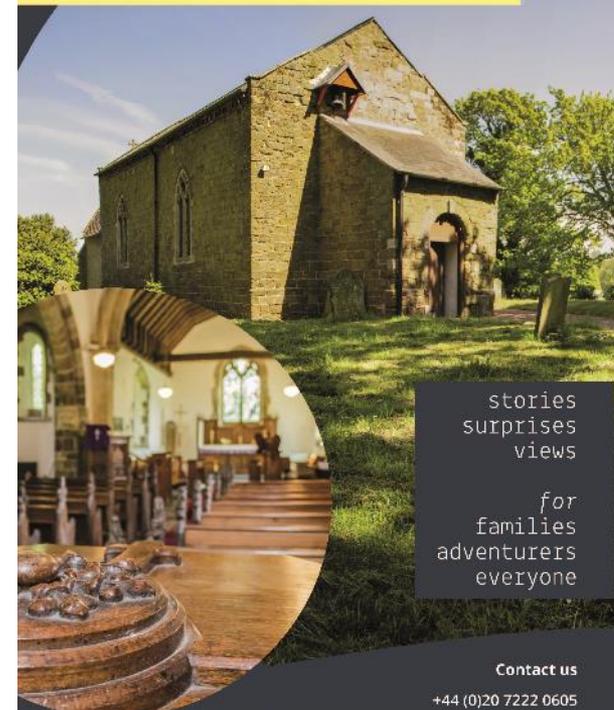
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Images:
St Andrew, Fulletby
St Peter & St Paul, Belchford
St Martin, Scamblesby

Be involved

We welcome all churches, chapels and meeting houses to be part of ExploreChurches.

- Anyone can fill in an online form for a church. If they are not from the church, we will contact the church and ask them to take ownership of their page and add or change any details they wish.
- If you are from an organisation or group and would like to list a group of churches, we can do that in a batch upload. Please get in touch.

If you have images or video you would be happy to share via the website or our social media, we give full credit. Again, please get in touch.

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Location	Name	Accessibility	Photos
Opening times	Links	What to see	Video

THIS IS GREAT BRITAIN



 ExploreChurches



We Support...

English
Tourism
Week 2017

Visit England
February

How are we doing

Church pages	2,056
Themed list pages	43
Website users (monthly average)	c3,000
Page views (monthly average)	c12,500
Facebook (monthly average)	c15,000
Twitter (monthly average)	c45,000

Last week we had our first visitor who lives in New Zealand who had been studying Morris there and found our church's Morris heritage via ExploreChurches.

My life has been frantic over the last few weeks and I now realise that I have failed to email to say how impressive the site is. BRILLIANT.

I must say, the NCT gives the impression of being a friendly, enthusiastic organisation and I love the website! I hope to come over to England later this year - Canterbury is on my list (which is rather long!).

I thought I'd touch base to say the Explore Churches website is LOVELY!

A promotional banner for the Explore Churches website. The background is a dark, close-up photograph of a wooden barrel. The text is overlaid in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'We are part of' in white, followed by 'Explore Churches' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, it says 'A collection of fascinating places to visit and events to enjoy' in white. The website address 'www.explorechurches.org' is in white on a dark blue horizontal bar. Below that, a red banner contains the text 'Welcome to our church' and 'We hope you enjoy your visit' in white. Further down, it says 'Use #explorechurches on social media to share your photos with friends and tell us about your visit' in white. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'The website for people who love churches brought to you by the National Churches Trust' in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a red circular logo for the National Churches Trust with the text 'National Churches Trust' inside. Below the logo, the text 'Registered Charity (No. 1119845)' is visible in small white font.

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Please help us:

We have some ideas about what next... we would love to hear your suggestions!

Please answer our conference poll questions.



HERE IS THE CHURCH, HERE IS THE STEEPLE
... OPEN THE DOOR, AND THERE ARE THE
PEOPLE

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