



THE CHURCH TRAIL: ST ANDREW'S



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HALE



The origins of the church

St Andrew's church of Chale appears in The Domesday Book so it was built before 1086.

There are three explanations why it was called St Andrew's. One is that St Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and fishing was very important to the village of Chale. Another is that it was named after the man who paid to build it, or it could be that the first church service was on or near to St Andrew's Day.

Which of these explanations do you like best?

Notable features

St Andrew's is about this size as the old churches in St Lawrence and Bonchurch. But because there was lots of land around it, St Andrew's has been made bigger in ever since. We think the north wall is only part of the first stone church on this site.

Outside

When you approach the church, you will notice that the stones are covered in lichen. This is because the air is pure and also damp from the sea. There are also different types of gravestone, an old gas light and even steps to the church.

Inside

St Andrew's church has lots of features not found in modern churches. The markers on the walls to show how far the church extends are still there.

The Victorian era

Most of what we see today was done in the Nineteenth Century. Andrew's needed to be made larger because there were more people living there.

It was possible because there were lots of rich families living near and each tried to do more than the others for the church. This shows in the stained glass windows, which are very beautiful.

A clock was added in 1893 and at that time it would have been the only one in the village.

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Tick when you spot these at St Andrew's Church, Chale!

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Outside

Inside



The Tower



The Pepper Pot



Stoop



The Nave



Double Grave



The North Door



Piscina



Memorial in Latin

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East Window



Grave with Barbola flowers



Birth of Christ



Stone Reredos



Table Tomb



Statue on a grave



Plain beamed roof



Pulpit



Cross with lichen



Gas Lamp



Bequest Board



Sanctuary Lamp



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