

5 St John the Baptist, Greatham



Clues to a hidden past

Built in 1792, this church has secret attractions hidden from the casual observer, being much older than at first sight. Look for evidence of stone fragments from an earlier Anglo-Saxon church as well as remains of a 12th-century building. The church was extended to include a chancel area, clerestory, reredos, organ chamber and vestry. The Church is set in attractive gardens (enjoy the snowdrop walk in Spring). The tradition of care extends to the adjacent Hospital of God. The village holds an annual Feast centred on the 24th June.

OPEN TO VISITORS
Daily



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6 St Mary Magdalene, Hart Village



A hidden gem

There has been a church at Hart since Anglo-Saxon times, however the present building has Norman and Medieval extensions. It houses an impressive collection of Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Medieval artefacts, including a fragment of a 9th century cross head, decorated sections of Viking crosses, and a sundial. The 15th century octagonal font has depictions of various saints and emblems of the four evangelists. This ancient church provides an oasis of peace in today's busy world whilst remaining actively involved in the local community.

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7 St Mary Magdalene, Trimdon Village



Past and present beautifully combined



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Sunrise to sunset



HERITAGE LEAFLETS

History is woven into the very fabric of this charming, medieval church, which boasts a rare horseshoe arch, a leper window and a hidden burial vault. Two modern stained glass windows celebrate the lives of former church members. The pretty churchyard is lovingly maintained and this iconic building graces the village on a mound in the centre of the sweeping green.

www.upperskerne.org.uk TS29 6PG

While you're in the area why not visit:

Hartlepool Museum and the Historic Quay...

...with its centrepiece the majestic **HMS Trincomalee**. Trace the area's maritime history.

Hartlepool Art Gallery

(housed in the former Christ Church).

Marvel at the wonderful panoramic view of the area and enjoy some beautiful works of art.

KEY TO SYMBOLS IN THE GUIDE



Saints and Seafarers

Our churches are living witnesses to the continuing story of the people of this area. Hartlepool, once a rural fishing village built on the site of a monastery led by St. Hilda, is now a bustling town, while the outlying villages offer the tranquillity of more peaceful rural settings and traditional seaside fare.

Content of this trail was correct at the time of printing. You are advised to check details before visiting any of the venues included in this leaflet.



Explore more historic churches via this website:

www.spiritinstone.info

This trail has been created by local volunteers as part of the Spirit In Stone project, with the support of the Church of England Diocese of Durham, Diocese of Newcastle and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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CHURCH TRAILS

Charming Coastal Churches

Exploring Hartlepool's hidden Christian heritage



This trail takes you from the port, and town, of Hartlepool, along the coast and out to adjacent peaceful, rural villages.

Explore churches which tell stories of Christian heritage; from Anglo-Saxon beginnings through the industrial revolution to the present day and discover stories of saints, local heroes and maritime heritage.



The trail shown above in red is merely a suggested route between the locations, which may of course be visited singly. It does not allow for local traffic regulations such as one-way streets, etc. Please take care when moving between churches.

1 St Hilda's, Hartlepool



Centuries serving the headland



Situated on the headland in Hartlepool is this impressive 12th century church with Norman and Early English architecture. Discover our links with Saint Hilda and the growth of Christianity in the Anglo-Saxon period. In our Visitor Centre you can learn more about Anglo-Saxon times, including the pillow stone, and find out about our royal links. Extend your visit by visiting Andy Capp and the Heugh Battery where you will hear about the WWI Bombardment of the Hartlepoons.

OPEN TO VISITORS

WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAYS
2pm - 4pm
WINTER Sat & Sun only



www.hartlepool-sthilda.org.uk TS24 0DA

While you're in the area why not visit:



The Heugh Battery

Discover how Hartlepool was the first place in the UK to suffer bombardment in World War 1.

The historic headland

Explore some of the oldest parts of Hartlepool.

2 All Saints, Stranton



A light on the hill, in the heart of the town

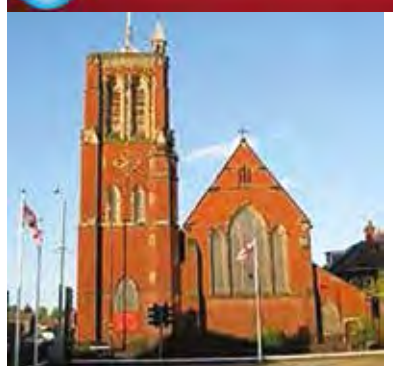
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EASTER - END OCT

TUESDAY
2pm - 4pm
SATURDAY
10am - 12 noon



www.stranton-church.org.uk TS24 7QT

3 St Aidan's, Hartlepool



An urban church with a gorgeous interior

Built 125 years ago, the church stands proudly and prominently over

the surrounding area of Belle Vue, Hartlepool. Looking at the church from the outside, its red engineering bricks are a testament to the church's strong and glorious links to the industry and community of this area. Inside you will find stunning examples of beautiful art work, including a wonderful reredos, and walls which have echoed with generations of prayer and service.

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www.staidanshartlepool.org.uk TS25 1SN

4 Holy Trinity, Seaton Carew



A seafarers' church, beside the sea

Built in 1831, this lovingly restored church is bright and welcoming, and close to the beach. Look for the mice on the Mousey Thompson furniture and admire beautiful stained glass memorial windows dating from the 1850s to 1960s. A seafarers' memorial in the churchyard commemorates the many drowned sailors buried there. A parish history is on sale, providing fascinating tales of the church and village.

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SATURDAYS
JULY - AUGUST
2pm - 4pm
EVERY SUNDAY
12 noon - 2pm



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