

St ANDREW'S CHURCH, MEDSTEAD HAMPSHIRE

Trail Answers and Explanatory Notes
for Parents and Teachers

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St Andrew's Church, Medstead

In the heart of Medstead, on raised ground and partly shaded by grand yews, is the attractive village church of St Andrew. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book as 'a parish church' and was thought to be built on this site in 1086. The building was made of stone but a timber building pre-dated the stone structure. During the Victorian era, the church was significantly rebuilt adding many new features such as the porch, the north transept and the nave which was extended by 17 feet.

- 1. Cross:** The **Cross** is made of **wood**. The plain cross on the north wall of the nave below the belfry is modern.
- 2. The Clock and Bells:** The Clock was installed in **1912** to commemorate the Coronation of **George V** by the people of **Medstead**. The loop on the end of the bell rope is for **the bell ringer's foot** because the 3 bells can be rung by one person. 2 ropes are pulled by hand and the third is attached to the foot which goes up and down.
- 3. John Budd Tombstone:** John Budd was **10 years** old when he died.
- 4. Arches and Columns:** The Norman arches are **rounded** and are supported by **3 massive cylindrical columns** and sit on square plinths.
- 5. The Font: Water** is poured into the font for Baptism. The shape is **eight** sided (octagonal). The font, located at the east end of the north aisle is Victorian and was moved to its present position from inside the south door in 1966 to increase seating capacity.
- 6. Love Wall Hanging:** The words written on the letter **E** refer to **Jesus' Disciples**.



On the east wall of the North Transept a banner depicting the words 'Love by this shall all men know that you are my disciples', in silver letters on a maroon background, is from John 13:35.

It commemorates the Ministry of David Bray, Rector of St. Andrew's between 2000 and 2002. Made by some of David's friends it was dedicated in November 2004.

7. Lectern: The special book is called **The Holy Bible** and the carved letters are **IHC**. They are letters from the Greek Alphabet which are short for the word Jesus.



8. Pulpit: It is raised up so people can see and hear the Rector when he says his sermon. In 1853, the Reverend Graeme Middleton **enlarged and restored the church**. Frederick Graeme Middleton was Rector of St Andrews from 1851-1863. The pulpit is Victorian and the work on the church was recorded as having taken place in 1853.

9. Window: I am the Good Shepherd

Jesus is comforting a young **child**. The window is in memory of **George Martin Bonham-Carter** who died aged 9 years in September 1890.

He was the second son of Alfred and Mary Bonham Carter. Alfred Bonham Carter was a younger brother of John Bonham Carter, MP for Winchester and one of the promoters of the Alton, Alresford and Winchester Railway which opened in 1865 and today it is called the Watercress Line.

10. Window: Blessed are the Pure in Heart

The Mother is **Mary** and the Baby is **Jesus**. Mary's dress is **blue**

It is dedicated to Harriet Purefoy Jervoise, who died at Medstead House on April 9th, 1886, aged 75.

She was the widow of the Rev. Charles Causton, Rector of St. Mary's, Lasham between 1865 and 1881.

11. Altar and East Window

The Altar is a special **table**, the focal point of the church. The colour of the Altar cloth **changes according to the events of the Church Calendar**. **Jesus** is rising up to heaven.

The East Window is dedicated to the memory of Major Francis Augustus Halliday and his wife Catherine Mary Halliday who lived at Medstead House and Georgina Elizabeth Halliday his daughter aged 19, who died in Medstead on January 4th 1863.

12. Window: St Jeanne d'Arc



The name of the French Saint is **Joan of Arc**. **The halo** above her head is there to show that after her death, Joan became a Saint. St. Jeanne d'Arc (1412-1431), was a French national heroine. She was canonised as a saint in 1920. The Maker's mark in the lower right hand corner, *AKN* denotes A K Nicholson

13. The War Memorial: The First World War 1914-1918 and The Second World War 1939-1945

There are **20 names** of dead service men who fought in the **First World War** and **8** in the **Second World War**.

We hoped you enjoyed the trail, please come and visit the church again with your friends and family.