

# Isle of Wight Historic Churches

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## St George's Church - Arreton,



A late Saxon church in an idyllic location. There is a 12th-century font of Purbeck marble and a Saxon doorway and window in the tower. Among several historically important memorials is a brass to Henry Haws dated 1430. Look for the gravestone of 'The Dairyman's Daughter'.

Arreton Barns, Arreton, Isle of Wight, England, PO30 3AB

**Heritage Highlight:** Saxon doorway and window in the tower.

<https://arretonbarns.co.uk/directory/listing/st-georges-12th-century-church>

## St Mary's - Brighstone



A much-restored 12th-century church in a picturesque village, St Mary's is famous because three rectors from here went on to become bishops. Among the three was composer Thomas Ken, known for his hymns. There are 18th-century memorials, a Perpendicular font, and a 13th-

century west door.

*Main Road, Brighstone, Isle of Wight, England, PO30 4BB*

**Heritage Highlight:** Monument to the three former rectors of Brighstone who went on to become bishops.

[https://www.fivechurches.org.uk/?page\\_id=67](https://www.fivechurches.org.uk/?page_id=67)

### All Saints-Freshwater.



An attractive 12th-century church set on the edge of Freshwater, looking over the River Yar. The wife of Alfred, Lord Tennyson is buried here, and a memorial to the poet is in the south chapel. There is a 12th-century font and remnant of a medieval brass set on the wall.

Church Place, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, England, PO40 9B

**Heritage Highlight:** Tennyson family tombs.

<https://www.allsaintsandstagnes.org.uk/all-saints-church/>

### All Saints-Godshill.



This 14th-century church is famous for its medieval 'Lily Cross', a 15th-century wall painting of Christ crucified on a lily plant. There are superb memorials to the Worsley family of Appuldurcombe.

The earliest church at Godshill was built in the Saxon period, possibly during the reign of Edward the Confessor, but the current large building is almost entirely 14th-15th century, built by the monks of Sheen Priory. The hill on which the church stands, however, was the site of pagan worship long before Christianity reached the isle of Wight.

Church Hill, Godshill, Isle of Wight, England, PO38 3HY

**Heritage Highlight:** 15th-century wall painting of Christ crucified on a Lily  
<https://godshillparish.org.uk/>

### St Peter and St Paul-Mottistone



A 12th-century church rebuilt in the 15th century and heavily restored in the Victorian period. Part of the font is 12th century, and there is a 1674 memorial to the wife of the lord of the manor at Mottistone. Look for the parclose screen erected by the 2nd Lord Mottistone for his father, General Jack Seely.

*Mottistone Village, Mottistone, Isle of Wight, England, PO30 4ED*

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