

HUBERT'S ADVENTURE TRAIL

THIS CHURCH IS OVER 1,000 YEARS OLD!

Like all old places it has hiding spots and secrets. My name is Hubert and I used to live near here. Let me show you around...



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Want to see something top secret? Find the font near the door – it's over 600 years old!

If you have a mobile phone handy, turn on the torch and lie on the floor under the font. Shine the torch upwards.

Can you see a pattern carved into the shields? This pattern was made hundreds of years ago when people carved special marks to help protect themselves against evil spirits.

Can you draw something so scary it would scare an evil spirit?



2

Look high up towards the ceiling. The colourful painting up there was painted in the year 2000.

How many people can you see?

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What kind of animals can you spot?

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DID YOU KNOW?

In mediaeval Idsworth only priests went to school, while most other people had to work on the land. You would be very important if you could read and write.



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Find the place where the priest speaks from, called a pulpit.

How many steps are there up into the pulpit?

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How old do you think it is?

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Find the red and yellow painting. It was hidden under white paint for many years, so it's a bit of a mystery, but I do know it was painted in the year 1330.

What do you think is happening in this painting?

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How many people are attending King Herod's feast?

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Look at the window above the altar. On the left is St Peter, and on the right, St Paul.

What is Peter holding?

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What is Paul holding?

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Let's head outside. Old buildings have clues, like a fingerprint, that show us how they have been changed over hundreds of years.

Walk round the church and look for something that used to open, but now is always closed. What is it?

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Can you find the smallest, oldest window? How old do you think it is?

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There is a rare thing on this church called a 'mass dial'. It looks like a sundial with a hole for a stick and lines

carved into the stone around it. I think it was used to let people know when to come to church. **Can you find it?** Clue: look near a drainpipe.

DID YOU KNOW?

Churches used to ring their bells to try to frighten thunderstorms away.



Find the answers to these questions and discover more about this beautiful church by visiting idsworthchurchfriends.org

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