

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust  
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**The Late Summer Outing 2023**  
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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

We had hoped to attempt a visit to St Mary's Andover, St Michael and All Angels Knights Enham and St George's Chapel, Enham Alamein, all well worth visiting but parking and pubs were not on our side. So we're heading a bit further north (is Linkenholt our most northerly Hampshire church?) through some really beautiful Hampshire countryside.

By coincidence, all our churches are dedicated to St Peter.

**11.45 St Peter's, Linkenholt, SP11 0EE**

Built in 1871 by William White, with a typical Hampshire half-timbered tower, there are glimpses of the older Norman church to be found. But look at the lancet window by the south porch, decorated with chalk sea-urchin fossils known as "Shepherd's crowns" or "Thunderstones". The one-roomed school house next door is decorated in the same way.



**12.45 Lunch at Esseborne Manor, Hurstbourne Tarrant, SP11 0ER**

A family run, Victorian country hotel, set amidst the splendour of the North Wessex Downs, close by the lovely Bourne Valley, in an area designated of outstanding natural beauty.

**2.30 pm St Peter's, Hurstbourne Tarrant, SP11 0AX**

"One of the most picturesque villages in Hampshire" (Pevsner), St Peter's Church is a mixture of Norman architecture through to around 1700. It contains some famous wall paintings of "The Three Quick and the Three Dead" and traces of a Wheel of the Seven Deadly Sins.



**3.30 pm St Peter's, St Mary Bourne SP11**

A late 12<sup>th</sup> century church "restored" in 1855. It is known as the "Most Puzzling Church in England": why is St Mary Bourne's Church dedicated to St Peter? why are the pillars not opposite each other? why does this small village have one of the finest Tournai Marble fonts in the country (like the one in East Meon last year)? why is the crusader tomb defaced by so many crosses? And why is their Bible called a "Vinegar Bible"?

***The congregation will provide us with tea and biscuits.***

**Please contact Adrian Harbidge BY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER if you are planning to come**

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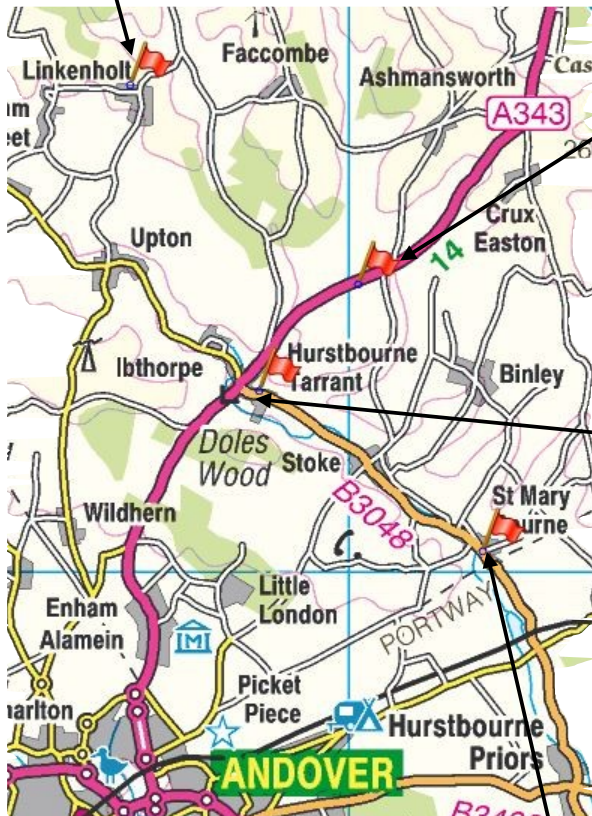
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**Do say if you can offer/need a lift**

## Navigation Instructions

### St Peter's, Linkenholt, SP11 0EE

Linkenholt is in the NW corner of Hampshire (?the most northerly church in the county?) and can be approached from Andover or Whitchurch.  
Parking will be along the roadside facing East (or in the field opposite, if dry).



### Linkenholt to Esseborne Manor Hotel SP11 0ER - 5.4 miles

Head east along the lane and **turn left** at the junction signposted **Facombe** and **Combe**  
After a mile **turn right** at the T junction towards **Netherton** and **Andover**  
Follow the lane south for 3 ½ miles until you reach the junction with A343  
**Turn Left** for 1.2 miles where Esseborne Manor Hotel is signposted on the right  
Lots of parking in the grounds

### Esseborne Manor to St Peter's Church, Hurstbourne Tarrant SP11 0AX – 1.8 miles

**Turn Left** back on to the A343 and head SW into Hurstbourne Tarrant  
**Turn left** at the George and Dragon into **Church Street**  
After a quarter of a mile, the church is on the left with limited parking on the street.  
Those who are more able can park in the Community Centre Car Park two minutes down the drive opposite the church (over the bridge by the school).

### Hurstbourne Tarrant to St Peter's, St Mary Bourne SP11 6BE – 3 miles

Follow B3048 (Stoke Road) south through Stoke to St Mary Bourne  
Limited on street parking by the church wall but main village car park can be found by the Village Centre (SP11 6BE) just before the church – turn right at the bridge into Bourne Meadow