

Three Somerset Churches Thursday 6th July 2023 Evening at 6.30pm

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This will be the last time that Bob and Fi we will be organising the three churches excursions of north-east Somerset, as they feel they have exhausted the supply of the best wonderful old buildings. This year all the churches are in the same benefice.

Camerton : The church of St Peter was built in the 15th century and has been designated grade 1 listed.

From 1800 to 1839 the vicar was the archaeologist John Skinner He excavated numerous antiquities, especially barrows, such as those at Priddy and Stoney Littleton.

Englishcombe : St Peter's was probably built for Robert de Gournay in the 12th century. The church was given to the Cluniac priory of Bermondsey in 1112 by the Lady Hawisia de Gournay, and by the Cluniacs to the monks of Bath in 1239.

The church has Norman arches and leper holes in the porch, which would have enabled lepers to hear the sermon without coming into contact with the rest of the congregation. On either side of the chancel are corbel tables depicting animals and people.

Priston : St Luke and St Andrew This has a nave dating from the 12th century, on the site of an earlier Norman church.

The arches under the central tower include original stonework from the Norman era, but were rebuilt in 1859, with the chancel being restored 10 years later under Sir George Gilbert Scott

The tower dates from the 15th century and is crowned with a disproportionately large weather vane given as a gift by the lord of the manor in 1813.

Meeting time and place.

Meet 18:30 at St Peters Camerton Church, satnav BA2 0PU. There is a car park on your right just before the church gates.

Englishcombe Church, BA2 9DU

Priston Church : BA2 9EF

Car-parking is limited at all churches so please make arrangements for car-sharing if at all possible.

A visit to the Ring o' Bells pub in Priston is anticipated afterwards.

Please remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS walk you do so at your own risk.