



THE MARSH MOSAICS



CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, IVYCHURCH TN29 0AL

Built under the patronage of the Archbishops of Canterbury, St. George's is a substantial church measuring 133ft in length - this reflects not the size of the population of the parish, but the prestige of the archbishops. Inside, some beautifully carved 15th century choir stalls remain, and a grand Kentish ragstone font of the same period. Smugglers' tunnels are said to connect the church with the local pub. Legend has it that at times, services could not be held because of contraband stored in the aisles and pulpit.

Two **World War Two** parachutists landed in the fields beyond the church.

The **church** is very large and heavily buttressed. It has a distinctive **weather vane**.

According to local folklore, the church was once covered in **ivy**.

Surprisingly, the **wind farm** is in the parish of Ivychurch. The parish has an unusual shape, because land here was reclaimed from the sea at different points in history.

The **hay cart** acknowledges the small museum of rural life inside the church.



The churchyard has been planted with **native wildflowers**. The **short-haired bumblebee** was declared extinct in the UK, but has now been reintroduced at Dungeness.

Yellow flag irises grows along the ditches. **Orange tip butterflies** and large blue **emperor dragonflies** are a common sight in summer.

The characterful **common toad** can be found along the ditches, dykes and pools of Romney Marsh.

Blackthorn hedges were grown on the marsh to provide timber for early sea walls. They now provide important food and shelter for wildlife.