



THE MARSH MOSAICS



CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, NEWCHURCH TN29 0DP

This large church is famous for its bent tower. The first two stages of the tower, built in the 15th century, began to lean alarmingly and they were heavily buttressed to prevent the tower collapsing. Many years later, the final stage was added in an upright position, giving the tower its characteristic bent shape.

Inside is a fine Jacobean pulpit, the oldest on the Marsh. The magnificent font bears the emblems of St. Peter and St. Paul, together with the roses of York and Lancaster and the Tudor rose.

The **church** has a distinctive leaning tower. It is heavily buttressed to stop it sinking in the marshy ground.

Six bells hang in the church tower, added at different periods in history.

The **Black Bull Inn** in the village was used by smugglers. The **pink "strawberry lantern"** warned smugglers that Riding Officers were nearby.

During **World War Two**, Newchurch was home to an **Advanced Landing Ground** (airstrip). There is a memorial site in the village, with a **beacon**.



The red and white **roses** acknowledge the ancient carved stone emblems on the font in the church.

Rich farmland surrounds the church. Newchurch has a long history of farming.

Barn owls can occasionally be seen hunting over the fields at dusk. Their populations have declined significantly.

Newchurch tower windmill was reputed to have been built by Reverend Nares in 1840. The top part was pulled down in 1906.