

# Three Ancient Parish Churches with walking links to the North Dorset Trailway



The Church of St. Andrew, the parish church of Okeford Fitzpaine.

The Church of the Holy Rod, the parish church of Shillingstone.

The Church of St. Nicholas, the parish church of Child Okeford.

St Nicholas' Church, along with the War Memorial stands in a traditional position at the centre of Child Okeford. It spans the centuries with a tower dating back to the late fifteenth century whilst much of the rest of the church was rebuilt in 1878/79. Much the oldest item however, is the Font, now in the south west corner. This dates from the thirteenth century.



The Church of the Holy Rod is built of stone and has a chancel in the Early English style, a nave, north aisle, south porch and square embattled tower holding 5 bells, one dating from 1622. The church was restored in 1889 when the north aisle was added. The registers date from 1654.



St. Andrews' is the parish church of Okeford Fitzpaine. The present building, apart from the Tower, was almost entirely rebuilt in 1866, using much of the materials of the earlier church, which dates from the 14th century. The earliest record is found in the Register of Simon of Gaunt, Bishop of Salisbury 1296-1315.



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