

Merry Medieval
Saturday June 10th
St Michael's Church, Ilsington

Join us as we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the survival of medieval craftsmanship, which escaped the purges of Henry VIII. We invite you to marvel at the medieval carved roof bosses which, for one day only you can view in close-up using a magnifying mirrored trolley loaned from Exeter Cathedral.

Explore the church and its history with family friendly guides to the 'Green man; the 'Three Hares' the 'Leper's squint' and later tales of the Roundheads who seized the church for a night and left their mark!

For the adventurous and the curious re-imagine the medieval pastoral parish-scape with the finest panorama in the parish from the top of the church tower. Spot the drift lanes that run up to the moor, along which cattle were herded to the summer transhumance on Dartmoor in the Middle Ages.

Let your senses be stimulated by the herbalist's art and medieval music.

11-12.30am Family exploration and discovery.

Follow a medieval trail and discover a medieval mystery lady, the 'Candy man', hidden rooms, find out how the church has survived an invasion of Roundheads!

3 -3.45pm A Walk and Talk with Susan Andrews

An opportunity to learn more about medieval carvers and the roof boss designs that survived the reformation with Devon expert Susan Andrews. A chance to view the roof in 'close-up' and to de-mystify the Green Man and the Three Hares.

3.45pm onwards: Cream Tea and informal discussions

The church will be open from 10.30-5pm. This event is FREE to all. Donations welcome for the cream tea and the herbal plant sale. Information will be available about the new Ilsington History group and the opportunity to become involved in a parish archive project

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