

Dorset Churches

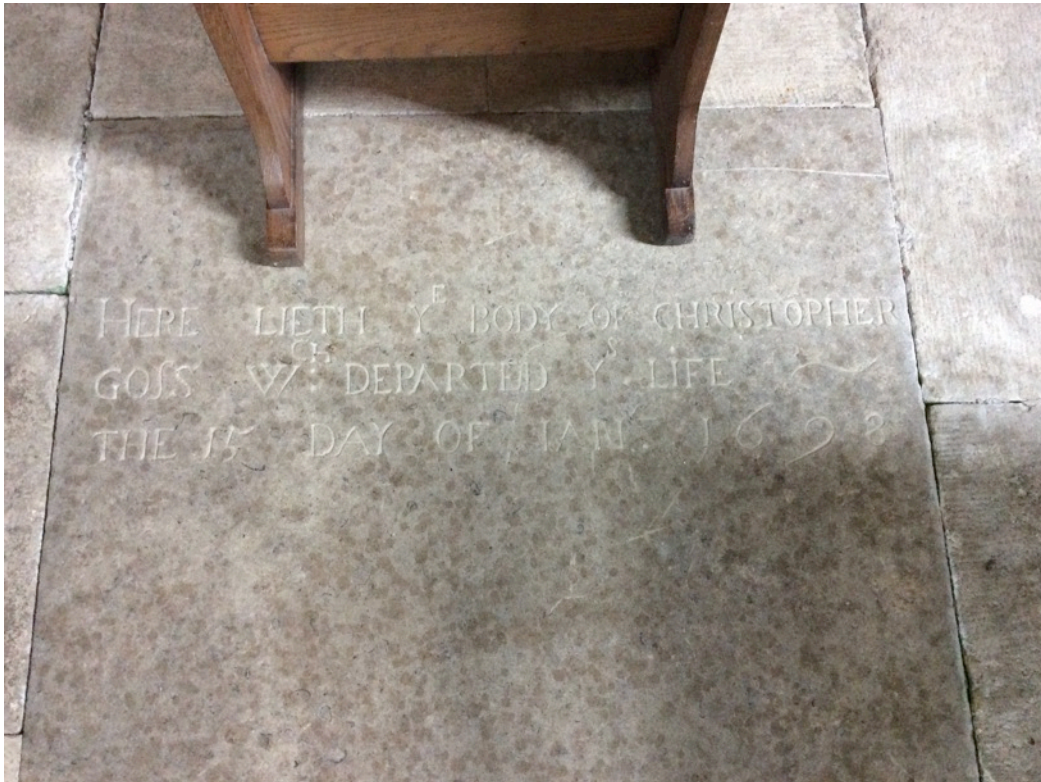
Visited by Roy and Linda Watkins, August 2016

The church of **St Nicholas, Worth Matravers** in Dorset, is in a tiny village very near the South West coast path. There is a memorial to the Royal Marines on the South West Coast Path about 2 miles from Worth, and views from that memorial.



The Parish Church of St Nicholas, Worth Matravers.

Nikolaos of Myra, was a 4th-century Christian saint and Greek Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor (modern-day Demre, Turkey whose name is associated with Santa Claus.



A memorial stone at St Nicholas, Worth Matravers, to Christopher Goss, who died in 1698.



A memorial to Royal Marines killed between 1945 – 1990 near Worth Matravers.



A view from the Marines Memorial near Worth Matravers.

The second church Roy and Linda visited was again called **St Nicholas - this time in Studland**. There is a view of the gallery and a new memorial to the fallen from the First World War.

The present building dates from the 12th century but there has been a church on this site from Saxon times.

The church is about a mile from **Old Harry Rocks** and there is a view of the very beautiful Studland peninsula.



The nave and chancel at St Nicholas, Studland.



Wooden benches in the Gallery at St Nicholas Studland – All Saints' would probably have looked like this at one time.



A memorial to those killed in the First War at St Nicholas, Studland.



The idyllic Studland peninsula.



A view of Old Harry Rocks - three chalk formations, including a stack and a stump, located at Handfast Point, on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset. The rocks can be viewed from the Dorset section of the South West Coast Path.



A signpost indicating the Coast Path at Studland.

The last church on Roy and Linda's trail is **St Nicholas Church in Moreton** - this church is where the funeral of **Lawrence of Arabia** took place, which was attended by Sir Winston Churchill. Lawrence lived very near the church, in what is now a National Trust property - Clouds Hill. He was buried in a separate churchyard.

The **River Frome** runs through the village of Moreton - which is very safe for children to bathe and play. The windows in the church are etched, as opposed to stained glass - they are indeed very beautiful. The village is very near to Bovington where there is a tank museum and where military exercises take place.

The church is known for its thirteen windows, etched by the poet and artist **Laurence Whistler**.



Roy Watkins at the church of St Nicholas, Moreton, in Dorset.



Windows etched by Laurence Whistler at St Nicholas, Dorset.



A close-up of three etched window panels by Laurence Whistler at St Nicholas, Moreton.



Children bathing in the River Frome at Moreton.



An old letter box set into the wall in the village of Moreton, with the insignia of George VI.



The tank museum at Bovington, Dorset. The collection traces the history of the tank.

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