

Welcome to the Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



Here is the key to the main door of the church which was briefly home to the Rector of the parish in the seventeenth century. William Lane was Rector at the time of the Civil War and following a skirmish with the Roundheads on the bridge over the River Avon at Aveton Gifford (where he was also Rector), he fled to take refuge in the tower of Ringmore Church. The Rector stayed in a small room with a fireplace within the tower for three months, being secretly fed by his parishioners while the Roundheads vainly searched his Rectory and surrounding countryside. His greatest discomfort was when he overheard a Cromwellian minister preaching 'heresy' from his pulpit. Mr Lane escaped to France but on his return died after drinking contaminated water in Exeter, where he is buried in St Michael's Alphington.

