

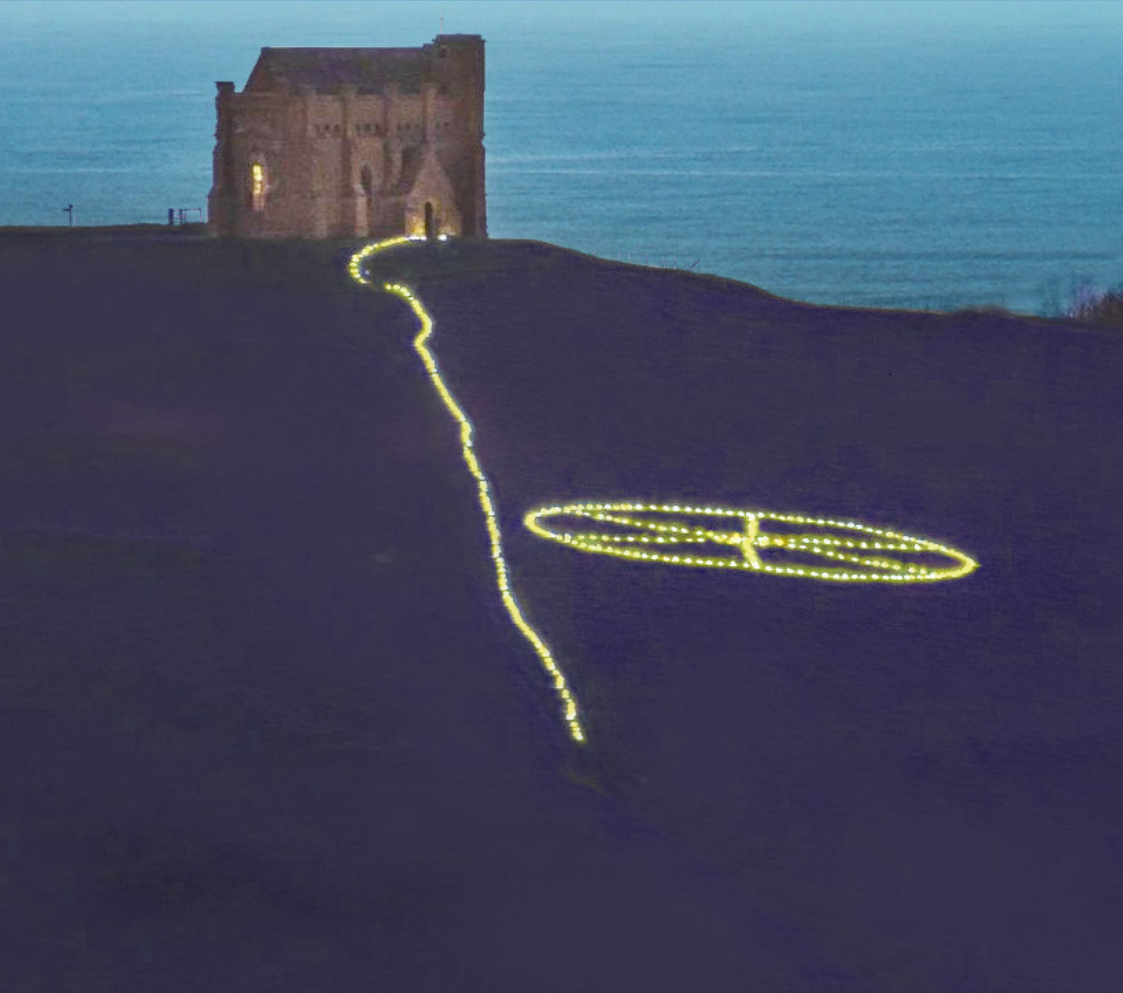
# **Candles on St Catherine's Hill, Abbotsbury**

## **Sunday 24th November 2024 from midday till 3pm**

A workshop in Strangways Village Hall,  
to buy and decorate lantern bags @ £2 each from midday till 3 p.m.

A short service in the chapel commencing at 3.45pm,  
preceded by songs sung by an A cappella group at 3 p.m.

Bags available throughout November to decorate in  
Abbotsbury shops and Bridport TIC @ £2.



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You are cordially invited by The Friends of St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury, to join us on **Sunday 24th November 2024 for this year's Candles on St Catherine's Hill**. This year's event will have even greater significance being the 1000th year since Christianity was officially bestowed in the village by King Cnut via his representative Orc and his wife Tola and rounds off a year of events.

St Catherine was famously martyred for not relinquishing her faith and the Chapel bearing her name is the focus of this commemorative event. On the slope below the iconic Chapel, a wheel of light will be constructed from decorated candle bags with led battery lights inside. Each bag lovingly created by children from local schools and by members of the public. Through the generosity of our sponsors, bags are supplied free of charge to the schools, together with educational materials that both informs and educates about St Catherine of Alexandria and the history of the chapel so important for our youngsters to have awareness of their surroundings.

Bags may be purchased from local shops and businesses and from the tourist information shop in Bridport. Cost £2.00 each just bring along on the day and our volunteers will add the tea lights.

Decorate as you please perhaps as an artwork or to commemorate something or someone special. In past years there have been beautiful paintings and heartfelt memories woven seamlessly into the finished pieces. It has provided an opportunity for remembering much loved pets, and poignant moments previously hard to express.

There will be music in the chapel at 3.00pm and a simple service of thanksgiving at 3.45pm.

The village hall will be open from mid day for bag purchase and decorating. All you need for decorating will be available there. Please come along and share this extraordinary event open to everyone of all faiths and none. Parking will be available in Rodden Row Car Park.

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