



THE MARSH MOSAICS



CHURCH OF ST. MARY, EAST GULDEFORD TN31 7PA

Built by Sir Richard de Guldeford, and consecrated in September 1505, the church is unusual in that it is constructed of brick. It is also the only one of the Marsh churches in Sussex.

An 18th century double-decker pulpit remains in the nave, while in the chancel there is a 19th century painted frieze of angels, illustrating the Six Days of Creation.

The distant **wind farm** can be seen across flat **ploughed fields**.

The shape of the **church** is highly distinctive with thick brick walls and large buttresses.

Inside the **church**, a striking **mural of angels** adorns the walls, inspired by ancient stone angel corbels.

The **Sussex emerald moth** is very rare. Its inclusion here highlights that this is the only one of the medieval marsh churches in Sussex. The others are in Kent.

Sussex red cattle graze in surrounding fields and the uplands of The Weald nearby.



The **turtle dove** is a declining species, found near ancient farmland and woodland edges. This beautiful bird has long had significance in Christianity.

A **perch**, a type of fish. The **Royal Military Canal** meets the **river Rother** near the church. The meeting of the two waterways is reflected in the colour choices here.

The **great crested newt** is a protected species. The ditches, dykes and pools of Romney Marsh provide excellent habitat for a host of different amphibians.

The **Medicinal Leech** has been included because it is a local conservation success story. Once believed to have become extinct in the UK, a population was found on Romney Marsh.