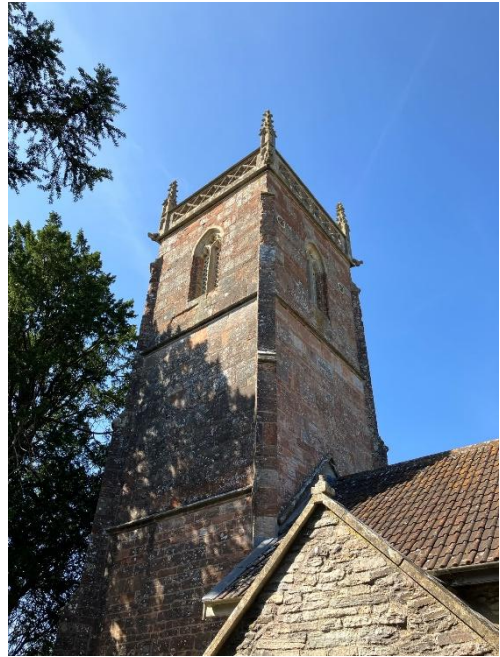


Explore St James' Church, Cameley, on a History Open Day

Date: Sunday 13th September 2026

Time: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Visit the delightful church of St James, where stewards will be on hand to tell you about the recent project to save the ancient wall paintings, which successfully raised £35,000 for conservation, with work completed in June 2026.



There will also be a display on the Somersetshire Coal Canal, which had tramways linking the coalworks at nearby High Littleton, Timsbury and Paulton to the canal. Within the grounds of St James' Church is the burial plot for a tram worker featuring a wagon on the headstone.



How far back can we trace your surname in the parish of Cameley?

Set in a fold of the Mendip hills, St James' Church escaped major restoration in Victorian times and remains an unspoilt gem. Inside, you are immediately struck by the wall paintings, which date from the twelfth to the eighteenth centuries. They include a jester and the fine early eighteenth-century Ten Commandments over the chancel arch, framed in twining leaves with enchanting cherubs; faces peering out.



Next service: Harvest Festival service on 20th September at 6.30 p.m.