

# Medieval church saved from escarpment collapse



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The parish church of St Eustace is perched just two metres away from a steep escarpment

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**A village church has been saved from collapse following a £100,000 fundraising effort by the local community.**

The 700-year-old parish church of St Eustace in the village of Ibberton, near Blandford, is perched just 2m away from a steep escarpment.

After cracks emerged and signs the building was moving towards the edge of the steep slope, residents raised the money to stabilise the building.

At a service to mark the completion of the work, the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Stephen Lake, said the villagers had "saved this focal point of their community".