

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN

## Church



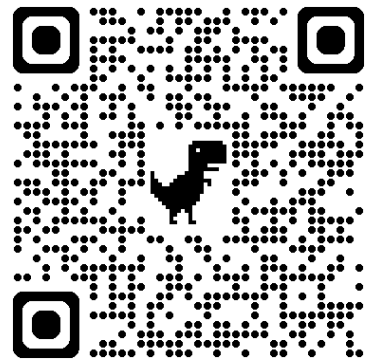
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