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The history of the Church.

We're standing by the church and it was in 1809 that the 5,000¹ French prisoners came up to Princetown and started work on the church in 1810². The church was originally to be the chapel for the Prison, but of course now it's a parish church and there is a separate chapel inside the Prison.

¹ According to Elisabeth Stanbrook, *Dartmoor's War Prison & Church 1805-1817* (2002), 2,500 prisoners arrived in May 1809 and the numbers had risen to 5,100 by September 1809.

² According to Elisabeth Stanbrook, *Dartmoor's War Prison & Church 1805-1817* (2002), the building of the church commenced in 1812.