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Archaeologists reveal 6th-century baptistery in Kosovo

At an excavation site in Kosovo’s ancient city of Ulpiana, a team of Turkish archaeologists have discovered a baptistery dating from the Byzantine period. The archaeological team, consisting of archaeology students from Istanbul’s Mimar Sinan University and headed by Professor Haluk Çetinkaya, excavated in a 250 square-meter area, unearthing an important part of the sixth-century city. Çetinkaya said, “Baptisteries are rarely found in this region… we worked 10 hours a day to unearth the remains of the structure.”


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A mysterious chamber buried beneath the central part of St Winwaloe’s Church at East Portlemouth in southwest England will be examined by archaeologists thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Built around 1200 and enlarged in the 15th century, ground-penetrating radar has shown a burial chamber beneath the nave that was probably once part of an earlier church on the site. The floor of the chamber is about 8 feet below the present floor with walls rising from it along both its sides and its centre.