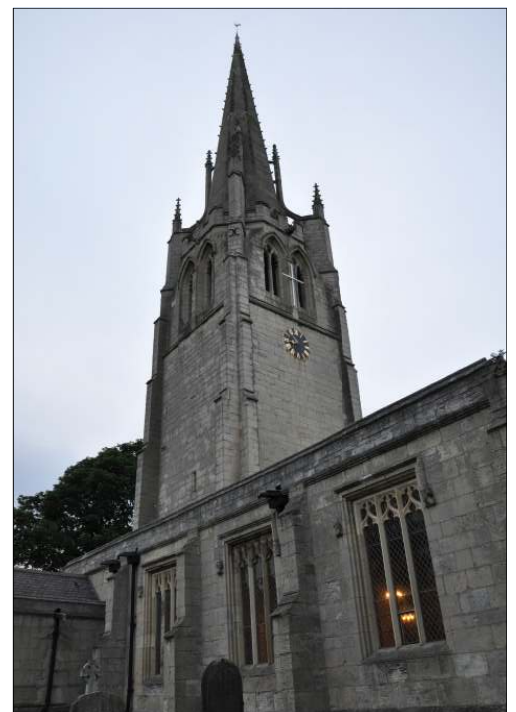


All Saints Church. Laughton-en-le-Morthen, West Riding, Yorkshire.

At this church are important pre-conquest remains which may once have formed a complex of western chambers.

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1. The remaining north wall of a west porticus of Anglo-Saxon date with its impressive doorway which has unfortunately been subjected to the insertion of a later non-descript medieval doorway. This has resulted in the cutting away of the impostes at an angle and the removal of the jambs. This view shows the extent of the wall being out of vertical. H.Taylor noted that the surviving Anglo-Saxon fabric was either a porch or chapel measuring about 17.5 feet (east to west) and he remarked upon the similarity between this example and evidence at Brixworth and Monkwearmouth for (now vanished) lateral chambers at the west.
2. Again, but seen square on from the north. Note the long-and-short work of the NE quoin (whereas the right hand NW quoin is masked under the later buttress).
3. A general view of the church, showing the fine tower with its spire rising to a height of 185 feet. There is no indication from this view (taken from the SE) that there are important remains of pre-conquest date in the church (which was considerably rebuilt in Norman days, and that in its turn ruined, to be partly rebuilt in 1377).



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4. A closer view giving a "3D" impression of the style and construction of the north doorway.

5. A general view of the medieval north aisle showing how the remains have been adapted and included in the run of that aisle westwards.

6. A detail of the stop at the foot of left hand (eastern) pilaster and to its left the base of the long-and-short work of that quoin. Note a part of the plinth with its protruding stones.



Some detail of the internal features are to some degree unfortunately masked by a new kitchen which has been inserted into the space occupied by the porticus. Taylor noted that internally the arched head of twelve well-shaped voussoirs survive, which are decorated like the exterior face, by the cutting of a shallow rebate near the arris.

