

Abbey church of St Mary, Sherborne, Dorset.

A fine building of seemingly Perpendicular style, but where the fabric under the later coverings is of a far greater age (see dedicated text page for detailed information).

Clockwise from top left -

1. Saxon doorway at west end of nave N aisle, interior view.
2. Detail of abacus S capital of doorway in pic 1; note Saxon tooling (fine vertical) of dressed stones.
3. A closer detail of the west front and north aisle walling.
4. The W front from the SW (the site of the Saxon westwerken), the 'uneven' rubble work is the Saxon walling, which is extensive (see H.Taylor). Saxon work is also to be found in the N wall of the N transept up to eave level (not illustrated).

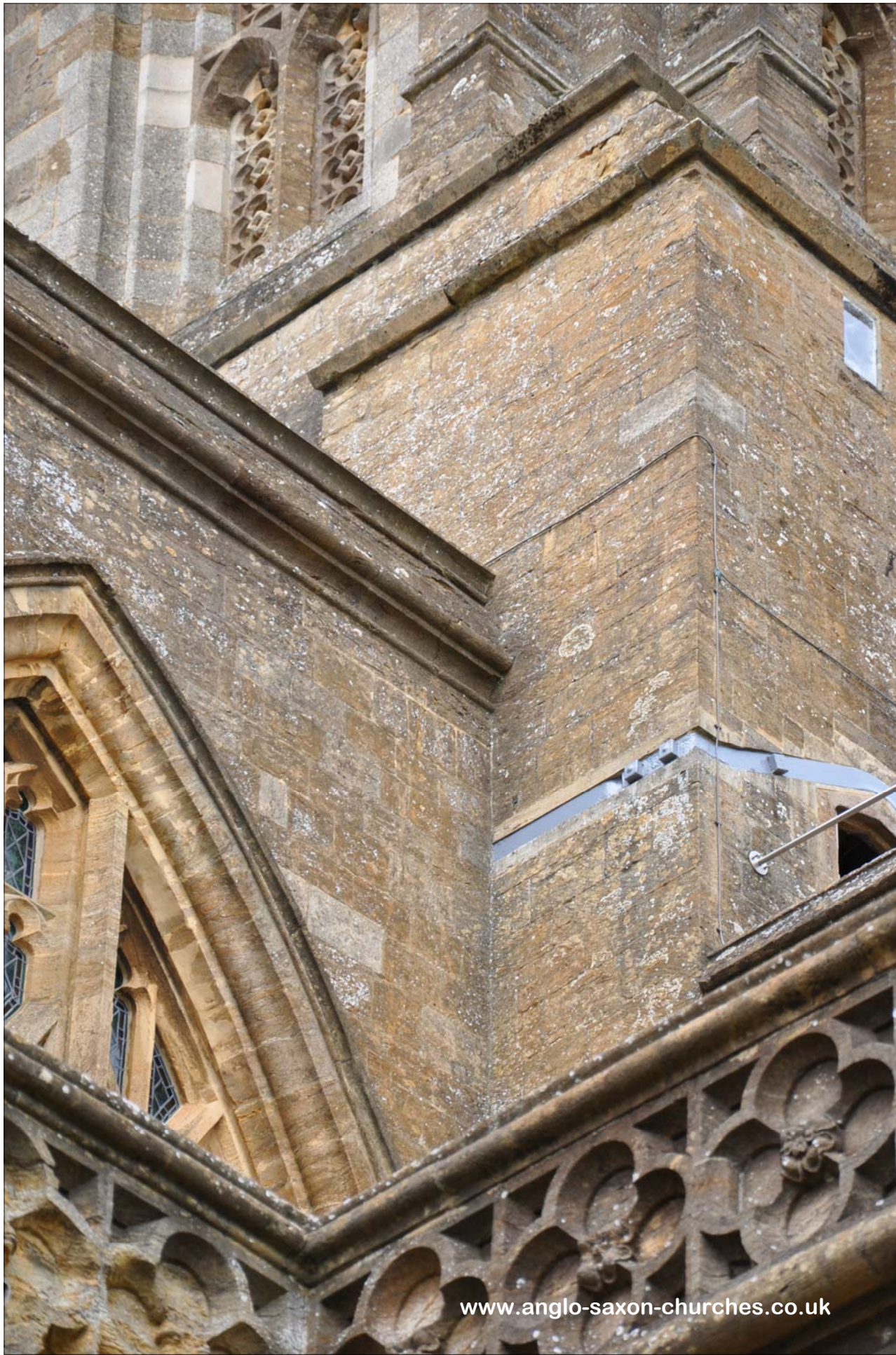


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This page; part of the crossing viewed from the SW. Note how the nave (which runs to the left) is decidedly narrower than the crossing, a Saxon feature and not found in post conquest work. Indicates the core of the walling is Saxon, it has simply been extended upwards during later rebuilds.



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