



Listed Buildings/ Monuments

In

Compton Chamberlayne



Church of St. Michael

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Grade II* - Listed 23rd March, 1960

Anglican parish church. Late C13, C14 and C15, 1878 restoration. Dressed limestone, tiled roof. Aisleless cruciform plan, south tower to west of south transept over entrance. Three-stage tower; hollow-chamfered pointed arched doorway with diagonal buttress to left and angle buttress to right, offset string courses, bellstage has 2-light segmental-headed Perpendicular louvred window with hoodmould to south side, west side has lancet to second stage and cusped square-headed window to bellstage, string course with gargoyles to battlemented parapet. South side of nave has 2-light C19 Perpendicular-style window to left of tower. South transept has three trefoil-headed stepped lancets in pointed arch, diagonal buttress to right, east side has C15 two-light cusped square-headed window. Chancel has small pointed priests door with C19 door, 2-light pointed Perpendicular window with hoodmould either side. East end has 3-light pointed Perpendicular window with grotesque terminals, coped verge with cross finial, and blocked segmental-headed archway below, to vault, north side has two 2-light windows as south side, recessed pointed chamfered doorway to right. North transept has C19 lancet to east, C19 two-light window with Y-tracery to north, lean-to vestry attached to west. North side of nave has C14 two-light window with reticulated tracery to left and 2-light Perpendicular window to right, west end has 3-light Perpendicular window with hoodmould, coped verge with saddlestone, large clasping buttress to left and diagonal buttress to right.

Interior: Porch has hollow-chamfered inner doorway, square bowl from C12 font with blind arcading leaning against wall to left, stone bench to right and square recess for stoup to right of door. Nave has 5-bay C19 arch-braced collar roof on stone corbels, diagonally-laid stone floor. North transept, now vestry, has double chamfered arch on C13 compound half-piers with keel moulding and moulded capping, 3-bay restored collar roof, part of former doorway on

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west side of transept, from nave. South transept has C19 double-chamfered arch and 2-bay C19 roof. C19 moulded pointed chancel arch on compound half-piers, chancel has barrel-vaulted boarded roof, four high steps up to altar rail, over Penruddocke vault. Fittings: C19 pews, octagonal stone font in nave, possibly C14, Tudor pulpit with linenfold panelling. Monuments include a scrolled pedimented stone tablet in chancel to Johannis (sic) Martin died 1693, large white marble on north wall of chancel records the deaths of members of Penruddocke family of Compton Park House (q.v.), probably early C19.

(N. Pevsner, *The Buildings of England, Wiltshire*, 1975)

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