



Listed Buildings/ Monuments

In

Dinton



Church of St. Mary the Virgin

St. Mary's Road, Dinton, Wiltshire

Grade I - Listed 23rd March, 1960

Anglican parish church. Late C12, late C13, C14, C15, restored 1873-75 by William Butterfield. Rubble stone, tiled roofs with coped verges and cross finials. Aisle-less cruciform plan with 1870s south vestry and north porch. Gabled porch with double chamfered pointed doorway and 1870s double doors, nave has pair of cusped ogee-headed lancets either side, octagonal stair turret with arrow loopholes and conical roof, in angle between nave and north transept. C13 north transept has C19 three-light Perpendicular-style north window, three stepped lancets to east. C14 chancel has low moulded pointed doorway with hoodmould and three 3-light windows with reticulated tracery to north side, east end has diagonal buttresses and large 5-light windows with intersecting tracery, ogee quatrefoil over, south side has three 3-light windows as north. South transept has 3-light C19 Perpendicular-style south window, lancet to east, diagonal buttresses. Lean-to vestry attached to south side of nave has large stone chimney stack, lancets; nave has blocked pointed doorway, pair of cusped lancets to left, right pair now within vestry. West end has diagonal buttresses and 3-light window of lancets. Crossing tower of 2 stages has string course to offset bellstage and 2-light pointed Perpendicular louvred windows with hoodmoulds, string course to battlemented parapet.

Interior: Late C12 north doorway within porch has attached shafts with stylised leaf capitals and double chamfered pointed arch. Nave has 4-bay rafter wagon roof with three tie-beams. C14 crossing with triple chamfered arches on chamfered square piers, quadripartite rib vault with bell rope hatch and Signs of the Evangelists on corbels. Blocked doorway on north side of nave, formerly to rood loft, pointed doorway in north transept to stairs. South transept has

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scissor-rafter roof, trefoil-headed piscina on south wall, north transept has similar roof, both C19. Chancel has pointed barrel vaulted roof with ribbed panels and rosettes, two cambered moulded tie-beams, polychrome tiled floor, moulded string course at sill level, C14 ogee-headed piscina on south wall. Fittings: pews and choir stalls, wood and stone hexagonal pulpit and communion rail by Butterfield. Square Purbeck marble font on columns with blind trefoiled arcading to sides. Original C14 stained glass in south east window of chancel, rest of glass clear. Royal Arms of George IT on south wall of nave. Monuments: Marble cartouche in chancel to Lawrence and Edward Hyde died 1676, marbles in north transept to members of Wyndham family of Phillips House (q.v.), the best to William Wyndham died 1733 with broken segmental pediment and arms, fluted pilasters and gadrooned apron. South transept stone tablet with Ionic pilasters to Rebecca Madox (sic), died 1695.

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

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