



St. Andrew

## The Church of Saint Andrew's, Etchilhampton

### A Tour of the Interior

**THE NAVE** dates from the later 14th Century, and the chancel was evidently of the same period before it was rebuilt in 1869. The vestry was added at the same time, but the 19th century South porch replaced an older one.

A fine **ALTAR TOMB**, circa 1400, is thought to belong to the Malwyn Family, who may have had some connexion with the building of the church, and who were Lords of the Manor at that time.

Mounted in a recess formed by the blocked North doorway is a stone carving representing the **ARCHANGEL GABRIEL**. This is possibly part of a reredos, an altar carving, about the same date as the tomb, and was discovered in 1832, buried beneath the South East angle of the nave.

The **FONT** is 12th century, older than any portion of the church. The box pews and wall panelling are of various dates from the 17th century and an interesting wall tablet, by the pulpit, is dated 1662. Outside on the North West buttress of the nave, there is an ogee headed niche in each face, with curious turrets between and small angels peering over the tops.

The bellcote has been restored and the two **BELLS** were rehung in 1975. Only one, probably medieval, is now chimed. The other is cracked but delightfully inscribed and dated 1675.

There are a number of very unusual sarcophagus shaped tombstones in the churchyard, and these appear to date from the reign of Charles II.

The **Registers** are complete and date from 1630.

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