

# Church of St. Mary & All Saints Droxford

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### Graffiti Survey summary

A team from Southampton Archaeology Society visited the church on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The team consisted of Roger James, Sue & Derek Stewart, and Joan & Brian Webb



*Fig. 1: Exterior from West*



*Fig. 2: North doorway*



*Fig. 3: Interior looking East*

St. Mary & All Saints church is one of the four churches of the Meon Bridge Benefice. It is a flint building erected between 1150 and 1160. The nave and chancel are the original Norman construction with the north and south aisles being added in the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries respectively. The beautifully carved Norman doorways were moved to the outer walls at the time of each extension. The tower is a later addition, probably 16<sup>th</sup> century.

A small amount of paintwork depicting quatrefoil and cinquefoil flowers and scroll-work survives on the arch opposite the south door.



Some interesting graffiti was found including the unusual occurrence of four Mass Dials to denote the time of services (Figs 4 & 5).



*Fig. 4: Mass Dial in porch*



*Fig. 5: Mass Dial on South wall*

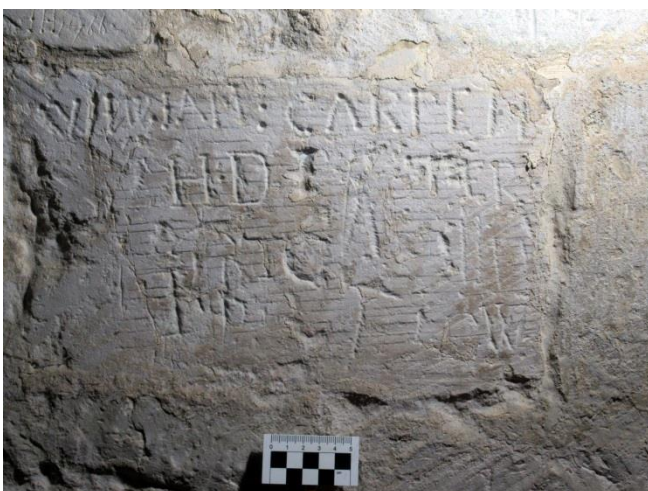
There were also several crosses, circles, a hexfoil design (Fig. 6) and many initials (Fig. 7), names (Fig. 8) and dates (Fig. 9).



*Fig. 6: Hexfoil apotropaic mark*



*Fig. 7: Cartouche with lettering*



*Fig. 8: Names*



*Fig. 9: Date*

# Photo Record Sheet

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Number	Location	Description
01-IMG_0770	Exterior, West end	General view
02-IMG_1605		Plan of church
	<b>Exterior</b>	<b>Height above ground</b>
03-IMG_1606	South wall, East window, East frame	<b>Mass Dial</b> 1.80m
04-IMG_1607	South wall, East window, East frame	<b>Mass Dial</b> 2.53m
05-IMG_1609	East wall, North window	8 pointed <b>Star</b> on window sill
06-IMG_1610	Tower, North West buttress	<b>Bench Mark</b> 1.07m
	<b>South Porch</b>	<b>Height above floor</b>
07-IMG_0187		General view of South Porch
08-IMG_1599	South door, West jamb	<b>TD 4 DAVE</b> scratched 0.90m
09-IMG_1600	South door, West jamb	<b>Mass Dial (?)</b> scratched 1.30m
10-IMG_1601	South door, West jamb	<b>R &amp; VV Symbol</b> 0.93m
11-IMG_1602	South door, West jamb string course	<b>X &amp; Circle with Line</b> scratched 1.53m
12-IMG_1603	South door, East jamb	<b>Mass Dial</b> scratched 1.35m
	<b>Interior - Tower</b>	
13-IMG_1612	South wall, adjacent west door	General view showing Block numbers on photographs 13-20
14-IMG_1613	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 1	<b>JOHN ROTHER (?) &amp; TH &amp; Pennant (?)</b>
15-IMG_1614	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 2	<b>WILLIAM:CARPENTER &amp; HD &amp; VV Symbol</b> all incised
16-IMG_1615	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 3	Scratched lines
17-IMG_1616	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 4	<b>IH 1766</b> & other scratched letters and lines
18-IMG_1617	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 4	Close-up of <b>IH 1766</b>
19-IMG_1618	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 5	<b>TA 1774</b> incised
20-IMG_1619	South wall, adjacent west door – Block 6	<b>IW 1851</b> & other letters all incised
21-IMG_1620	North wall, adjacent west door	<b>John Holmes (?)</b> signature <b>1847</b> in pencil 1.90m
22-IMG_1621	North wall, adjacent west door	<b>TG 1765</b> incised 1.65m



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Number	Location	Description	Height above floor
	<b><i>Interior - Tower</i></b>		
23-IMG_1622	Lintel over door in North/West corner	<b>IMMD &amp; TG 1735</b> (?) shallow scratched	
24-IMG_1623	Lintel over door in North/West corner	<b>H &amp; Arcs</b> & other lettering scratched	
25-IMG_1626	Lower Bevel of Lintel over door in North/West corner	<b>TC</b> scratched	
26-IMG_1624	Door in North/West corner – East side	<b>Cartouche</b> with indistinct lettering, scratched	1.00m
27-IMG_1625	Door in North/West corner – West side	<b>RI</b> incised	1.00m
	<b><i>Interior - Nave</i></b>		
28-IMG_1627	Pillar 1 South/West corner ( <b>See Plan</b> )	<b>Cross</b> scratched	0.63m
29-IMG_1628	Pillar 1 South/West corner	<b>Cross</b> incised	0.95m
30-IMG_1629	Pillar 1 South face, adjacent SE corner	Two <b>Compass Drawn Circles</b> scratched	0.98m
31-IMG_1630	Pillar 1 West face, adjacent SW corner	<b>Horizontal/Vertical Lines</b> forming a “Gate” pattern, scratched	1.42m
32-IMG_1632	Pillar 1 West face, adjacent SW corner	<b>Horizontal/Vertical Lines</b> forming a “Sword” & <b>Diagonal Line</b> incised	1.02m
33-IMG_1633	Pillar 1 West face, adjacent NW corner	<b>Compass Drawn Circles</b> scratched	1.07m
34-IMG_1634	Pillar 1 North/East corner	<b>Hexfoil</b> scratched	1.08m
35-IMG_1637	Pillar 2 South face, adjacent SE corner	<b>Hexfoil</b> scratched	0.92m
36-IMG_1638	Pillar 2 South face, adjacent SE corner	<b>Compass Drawn Circles</b> (not concentric)scratched	1.15m
37-IMG_1639	Pillar 2 East face	<b>Horizontal/Vertical/Curved Lines</b> scratched	0.75m
38-IMG_1642	Pillar 2 East face	<b>Horizontal/Vertical/Curved Lines/Dots</b> scratched	0.75m
39-IMG_1640	Pillar 2 East face	“Kite” shape, scratched	0.67m
40-IMG_1641	Pillar 2 East face	<b>Horizontal/Vertical/Curved Lines/Dots</b> scratched	0.50m
41-IMG_1643	Pillar 2 North face	<b>Cross</b> incised	1.48m

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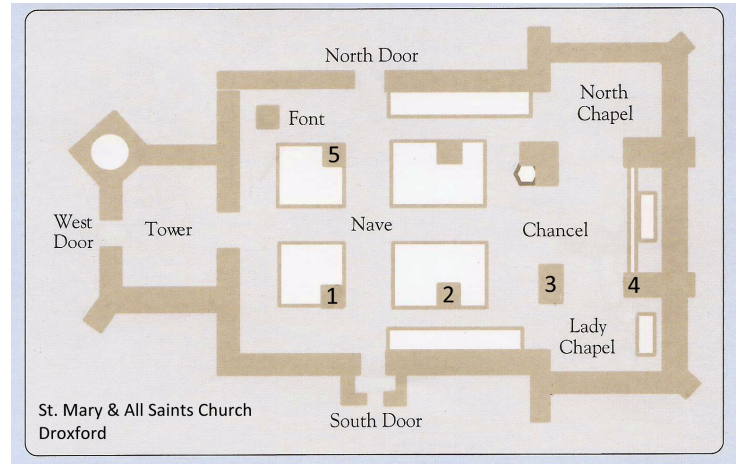


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	<b><i>Interior - Nave</i></b>		<b><i>Height above floor</i></b>
42-IMG_1644	Pillar 3 South/East corner	Multiple lettering, including <b>TH SH IR E Y HM</b> (inverted VV symbol) incised	0.70m
43-IMG_1645	Pillar 3 South/East corner	<b>H H PH</b> incised	0.90m
44-IMG_1646	Pillar 3 South/East corner	<b>-IC</b> incised	1.20m
45-IMG_1647	Pillar 3 East face	<b>TH</b> incised	1.10m
46-IMG_1648	Pillar 4 West face	<b>Cross</b>	0.95m
47-IMG_1653	Pillar 5 West face	General view of Morley memorial	
48-IMG_1649	Pillar 5 West face, Bottom/left quadrant of Morley memorial	<b>JP</b> plus other indistinct initials & dates/numbers, scratched	
49-IMG_1650	Pillar 5 West face, Bottom quadrant of Morley memorial	<b>WI &amp; 1790 (?)</b> plus other indistinct initials & dates/numbers, scratched	
50-IMG_1651	Pillar 5 West face, Bottom/right quadrant of Morley memorial	<b>G.V.R &amp; I Perris (?) 1793 Sept 1 &amp; 1793 &amp; IW</b> plus other indistinct scratches	
51-IMG_1652	Pillar 5 West face, Beneath inscription of Morley memorial	<b>GIR &amp; V Rogers</b> plus other indistinct scratches	
52-IMG_1654	West Door arch, South face	<b>J.W &amp; G GALE</b> scratched	1.35m
			<b><i>Height above window sill</i></b>
53-IMG_1655	North wall, West window, West frame	<b>Compass drawn circles</b> , scratched	0.30m
54-IMG_1656	North wall, West window, West frame	<b>Compass drawn circle</b> , scratched	0.96m
55-IMG_1657	North wall, West window, East frame	<b>Hand drawn (?) circle with spokes</b> , scratched	0.33m
56-IMG_1658	North wall, West window, East frame	<b>Horizontal/vertical lines</b> forming a mesh pattern, scratched	0.53m
		Although graffiti was also found on several of the pews this was not recorded as the parish are in the process of conserving and researching these.	





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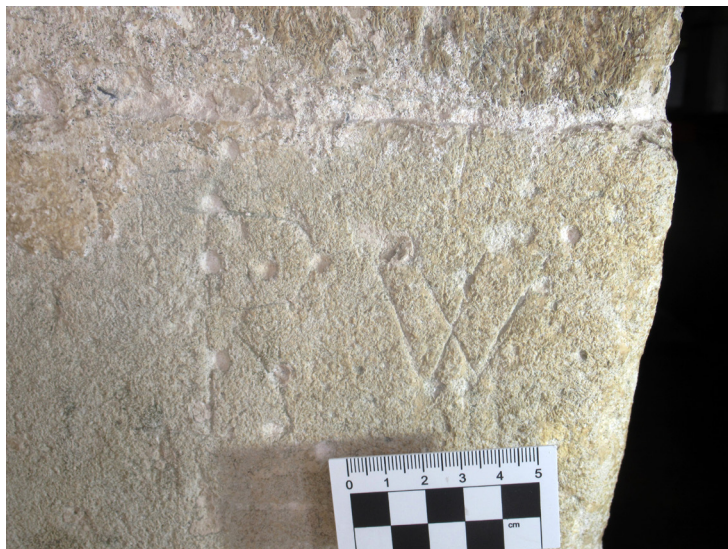


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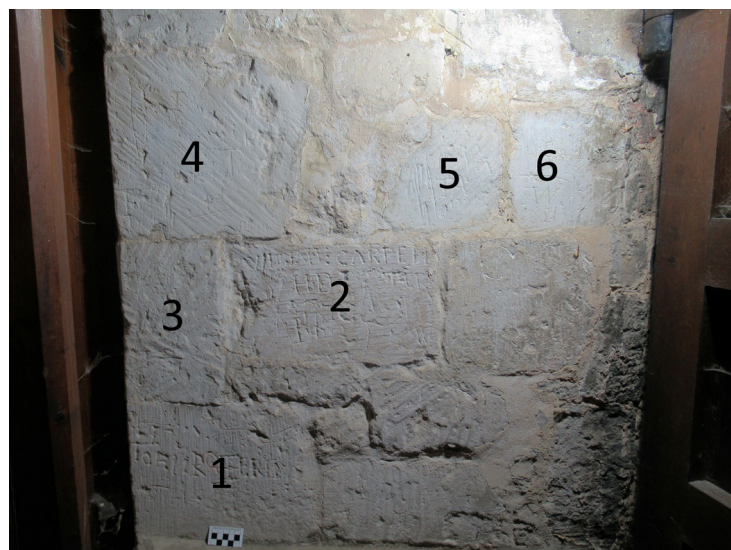


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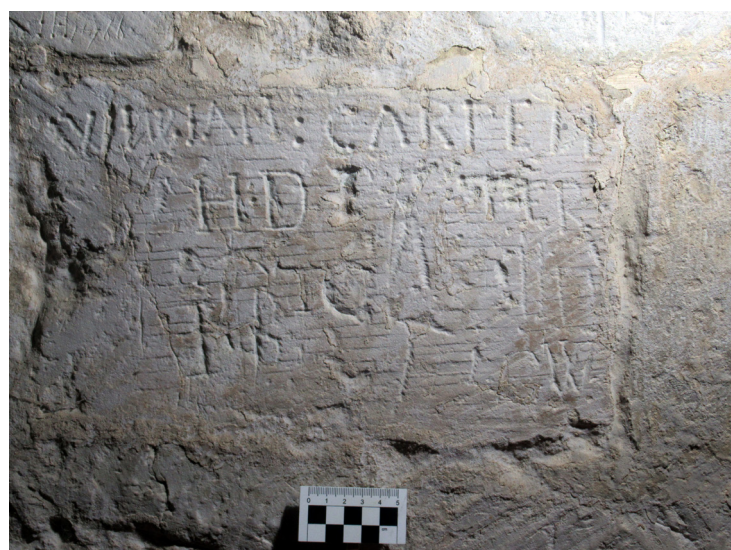




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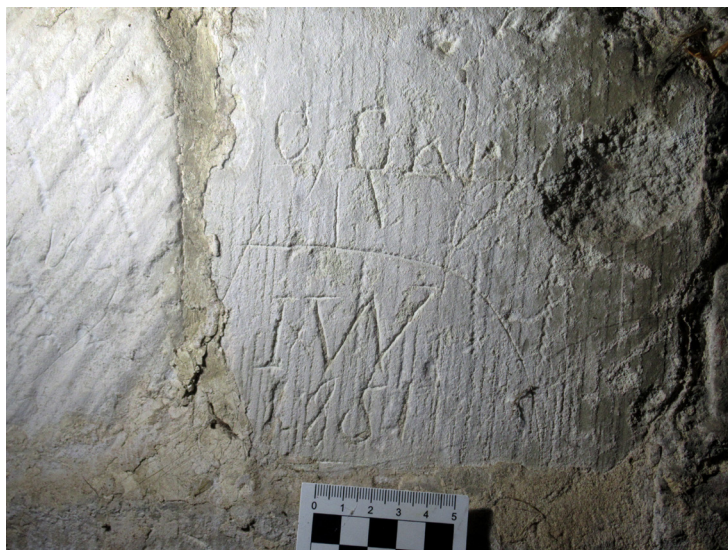
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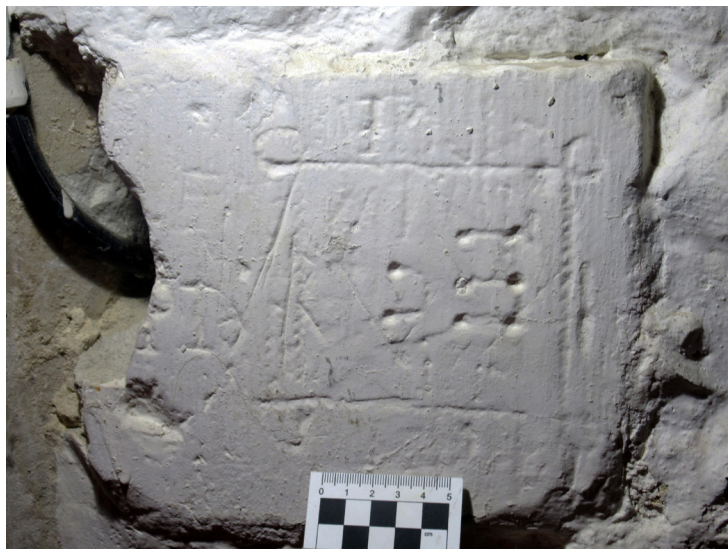


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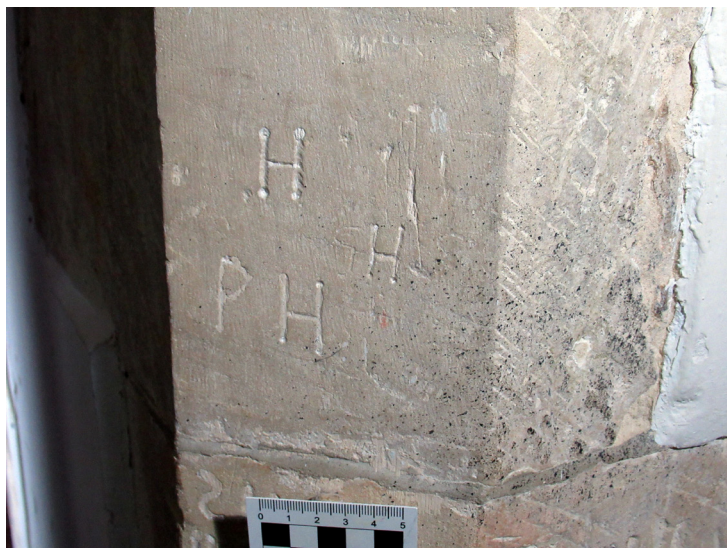




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