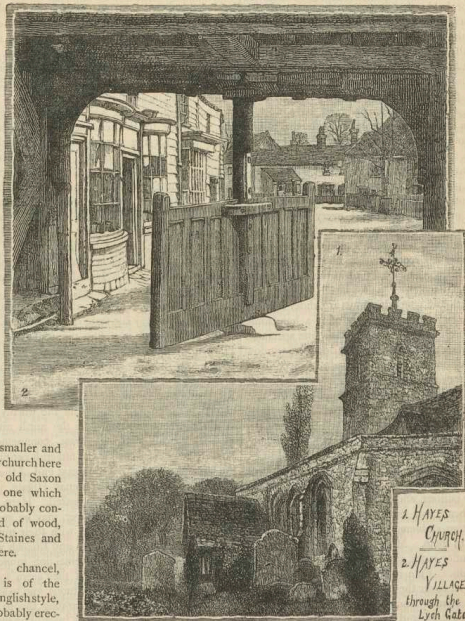


Norman style, of English marble, and has a solid base, supporting a central pillar, with detached shafts, carrying a massive bowl, which is externally sculptured with foliage. Doubtless, however, there

remain at the west end of the church, where they fence off the lower part of the tower from the nave.

The axes of the nave and chancel have not the same orientation—as is the case at St. Mary's,



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was a smaller and plainer church here in the old Saxon times, one which was probably constructed of wood, as at Staines and elsewhere.

The chancel, which is of the Early English style, was probably erected about the year 1220. The nave

is mostly of the Decorated, or Edwardian period; and the north and south side aisles followed as necessity arose. At the east end of each aisle was a chantry chapel, with an altar, and a separate endowment for a chantry priest. These chapels were marked off by screens, parts of which still

Oxford, and other well-known instances. The chancel deflects considerably to the north-east. It is thought by some persons that in such cases the true east point had not been chosen by the builders of the earlier portion, whether nave or chancel, and that the builders of the latter portion intended to