

St Mary, Dallington, Northamptonshire

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Description

St Mary's has a nave with N and S aisles and Perpendicular clerestoreys. The arcades are both of the 13thc. and very similar, of four bays of which the W bays on either side are very narrow. The reset nave doorways are of c.1200; the N unprotected, the S, of two orders with nook-shafts, under a porch. The S aisle was rebuilt in 1877, and the chancel in 1883. On the N side of the chancel is the Raynsford Chapel (now used as a vestry), built in 1679 in a gothic style and containing family monuments of some pretensions. The W tower is of four slightly stepped storeys, the lowest three of c.1200 to judge from a blocked window in the S wall. The top storey is Perpendicular. Romanesque features recorded here are the N and S doorways.

History

Dallington was held by the abbey of Peterborough in 1086, and by Richard from the abbot. A priest was recorded at that time.

Benefice of St Mary, Dallington.

Features

Exterior Features

Doorways

N nave doorway



Single order, pointed. The arch and jambs are chamfered, and the arch springs from impost blocks that are hollow chamfered with an overhanging face carved on its surface with a low roll between quirks.

Dimensions

h. of opening	2.68 m
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w. of opening	1.14 m
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S nave doorway



Two orders, round-headed. The two arch orders are plain and square in section with a keeled roll label with short returns at the ends. First order (jamb). Chamfered with plain stops and slender hollow-chamfered imposts, quite plain and partly replaced. Second order (jamb). Cylindrical en-delit nook-shafts on low roll bases with thin roll neckings. The bases stand on raked plinths. Both capitals are stiff-leaf with roll neckings and the imposts are of the same profile as the first order.

Dimensions

h. of opening	2.31 m
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w. of opening	1.31 m
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Comments/Opinions

The capitals of the S doorway point to a date of c.1200, but the overall design must have seemed very heavy and old-fashioned at that time.

Bibliography

N. Pevsner, *The Buildings of England: Northamptonshire*, Harmondsworth, 1961, rev. by B. Cherry, 1973, 356.



Exterior from SE.



Nave and W tower from S.



Interior to E.

Location

Full screen

Site Location

Dallington

National Grid Reference

SP 738 618

Boundaries

pre-1974 traditional (England and Wales): [Northamptonshire](#)

now: [Northamptonshire](#)

Diocese

medieval: [Lincoln \(Dorchester to 1085\)](#)

now: [Peterborough](#)

Dedication

now: [St Mary](#)

medieval: [Our Lady \(1537\)](#)

Type of building/monument

[Parish church](#)

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