
Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire

Waltham

Church of St Peter

Font

Grid ref

It is probable that a Church has stood on the present site since the C7 AD. The original Saxon Church was no doubt damaged or destroyed when the town was sacked by the Danes in AD1001, but it must have been either repaired or a new one built, as a Church at Bishop's Waltham is expressly mentioned in the Domesday Survey.

The present Church is believed to be the work of Bishop Henri de Blois in the C12.

The Font is generally believed to be the one used in the original Saxon Church. It has been mounted on a modern plinth of Portland Stone and restored to use in 1965.

From the Revd. F. H. Sargeant, a former rector, quoted in The Parish Church of St Peter, Bishop's Waltham, A Short Guide for Visitors.

Very plain, undecorated and rather rough font.

Sukey Jessup.