



## Great Paxton, Huntingdonshire

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Church of the Holy Trinity

Church fabric

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## Date

Nave and possibly crossing

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Nave and crossing of a formerly cruciform aisled church with clerestorey, period C3.

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## Nave

Exterior S wall. Jambs of clerestorey windows selected stones. Round-heads also of selected stones. No imposts. Remains of third window at W end suggests clerestorey continued westward with arcade. String-course runs whole length of nave, broken by windows about half-way up jambs; entire across blocked remains of third window.

Exterior N wall. Invisible from churchyard.

Interior. Two complete bays of nave arcades left. Part of third arch at W end of each arcade suggest original nave extended westwards into present tower. Arches about 7'6" wide between jambs. 8' from base to capitals. Piers consist of cluster of four round columns resting on carved, stepped bases and supporting large, bulbous capitals with narrow necking. Columns divided by narrow, half-round strips. Imposts of two, thin, square slabs in step pattern. Arches round-head with square-cut soffit rolls. E springings supported on plain square pier jamb of upright-and-flat with moulded impost. Remains of chamfered string course above arcade and four, round-head, double-splay windows above arcade. No structural details visible on interior owing to plaster.

## Crossing

Width of S crossing arch between jambs about 14'7". Height of jambs to impost over approximately 20'. Very wide arches at E end of present nave (probably originally crossing); piers possibly Anglo-Saxon. Jambs of four round and half-round columns, separated by half-round rolls. Columns have bulbous capitals and rest on rectangular plinths. Remains of square-cut pilaster-strip work on both faces of both arches. N face of N arch has square-cut capital on pilaster-strip sharing main impost. Imposts are very thin slabs.

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