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## Hadstock, Essex

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Church of St Botolph

Church fabric

Tombs

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### Date

Nave, S doorway, N transept arch, period C.

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See also *Current Archaeology* number 47 for details and plan of earlier church uncovered by excavation, and also tombs, among them possibly that of St Botolph.

Walls of coursed flint roughly herring-bone, in places with some pieces of stone.

### Nave

High, wider than usual with Saxon churches. N wall has two small, double-splay, round-head windows with jambs and arch-heads of rubble. W window has rough imposts of two stone slabs flush with wall and not level with each other. Originally three windows, but middle one blocked at insertion of later, maybe C15 window.

S wall had three similar round-head windows, eastmost now blocked by later S porch.

### S doorway

S doorway has round columns let into outer face of jambs, topped by chamfered cubic capitals, carved with stiff foliage design, same motif appearing on outer and soffit faces of imposts and on hood-mould. Large slab imposts, returned to carry square-cut hood-mould, have thick, half-round moulding on lower angle on outer and soffit faces, continued vertically at outer ends. Arch-head of segmental through-stones has three-quarter round roll set into angle of outer and soffit faces.

### N Transept arch

Ps. similar to S doorway in style. Form of this arch copied in chancel arch by Victorian restorer.

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