



Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire

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Church of St Swithun

Grid ref SU 481 319

Church fabric

Crucifixion

Date

Nave and chancel, W doorway, pilasters and quoins.

Fisher

Main fabric of nave and chancel, partly rebuilt – period C2.

Taylor

Walls of rubble with occasional large stones. W, N and E walls are original.

Nave

Interior length 42', interior width 19'7". N wall exterior has three pilaster-strips, irregular long-and-short. NE quoin visible, long-and-short. W doorway now leads to porch used as vestry. Round-head arch, W side has square-cut imposts straight chamfered on lower edge, jambs upright-and-flat, with some through stones. Square cut strip around outside of arch moulded from outer ends of arch-head, jamb and impost stones. Arch head consists of segmented through-stones, not regular voussoirs. Top of arch-head damaged by slot cut for insertion of floor for upper storey of porch, now removed. E side of arch plain with no strip work and imposts cut flush with wall.

Chancel

W halves of N and S walls are original. S wall exterior has pilaster strip in irregular long-and-short work.

Sculpture

Near life-size crucifixion in C16 W porch now used as vestry, on original exterior W wall of nave over W doorway. Badly damaged: relief cut back flush with wall and once plastered over. The head and chest of Christ have been destroyed by a large hole broken in the stone. Figures of St John and Virgin at side of cross, and *manus Dei* descending from cloud above indicate Byzantine tradition, but the figure of Christ on the cross twisted in a graceful arabesque suggests other influences.