



Lyminge, Kent

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Church of St Mary and St Eadburgh

Foundations of English abbey church

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Location

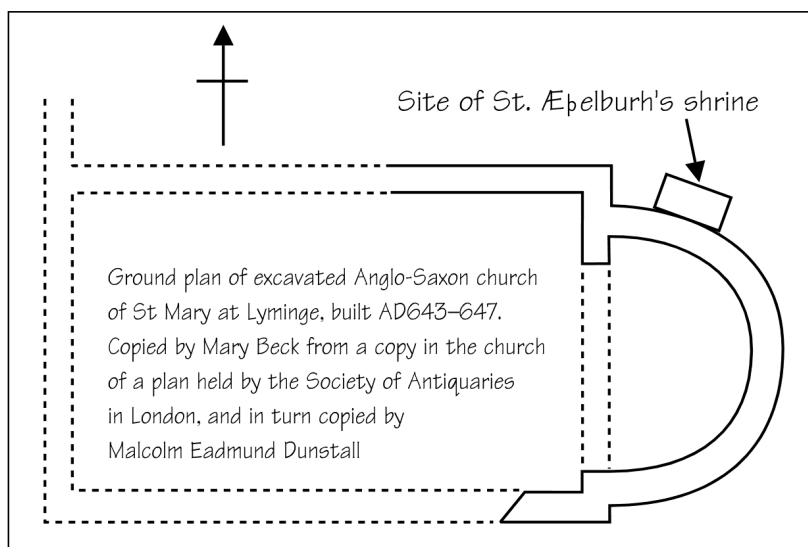
Situated on the S side of the village of Lyminge, just to the E of the Folkestone–Canterbury road.

The church

The present church is built beside the original Saxon church, which was the basis of the Abbey founded by St Ethelburga (*sic*). This Saxon church is now non-existent, except for foundations which have been excavated and then covered for preservation.

A pointed arch of two stones in the south wall of the church is supposed to be the end of Ethelburga's shrine, which was built onto the outside of the Anglo-Saxon church and thus protruded into the S wall of the later church. Sketch of the ground plan is a copy of that now in the Society of Antiquaries in London. The bold lines show the part excavated, and marked now by stones.

Mary Beck



Top
The side of the church, showing slab let into the ancient but not ASJ church S wall

Bottom
Close-up of the slab

Left
Plan showing site of original shrine