



Sherborne, Dorset

Σερμπορνε

Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin

Church fabric

Coffin

Grid ref ..... ST 637 166

Date

N bay of W wall, with doorway – period C2.

*Taylor*

Notes

The Saxon part is the tower and porch (at the W end), and the adjoining piece of nave. Very little of this now remains. The present nave is perpendicular and nothing remains of the tower

except a few fragments of Saxon wall on the west end. The crossing arches (i.e. immediately under the tower) are Saxon but were re-cut by the Normans. Buried there are Æpelbald and Æpelbert, brothers of King Ælfred. One skeleton is visible.

*Sukey Jessup, April 1977*

A coffin, believed to be of King Æpelbert, brother of King Ælfred the Great, was discovered here in 1840, below flooring of ambulatory near E end.

