



Stone-by-Faversham, Kent

Stane

Grid ref TQ 995 615

Ruined walls

Date

Ruined walls of chancel, probably period A1.
(NGR TQ 991 613)

Taylor

Notes

A second season of excavations at site of this ruined church was directed by Rt Hon. Sir Eric Fletcher, F.S.A., M.P., and the writer from 1 June to 22 September 1968. Central portion proved by last season's excavations to be Roman date, work directed to investigation of any evidence to demonstrate existence of Anglo-Saxon building. This evidence found. Compact chalk and flint foundations that had supported a wooden nave wall found beneath mediæval nave wall. Wooden walls found also to have been erected against W face of Roman building, within nave and within Roman building traces of Anglo-Saxon floor-levels recognised. Dating of wooden nave uncertain. Following finds made of Anglo-Saxon period:

Silver sceatta, AD 730-735 at Roman floor level within Roman building.

Amber bead, truncated pyramidal form, dated first half C10, found at Anglo-Saxon level within nave.

Sherds of Anglo-Saxon pottery, one of which dated C5-C6 and associated with foundations of wooden wall of earlier nave.

Anglo-Saxon nave of wood had been added to Roman building, latter providing chancel during that period. Finds suggest continuity. Third season of excavation will take place during summer 1969 to investigate wooden nave and solve Anglo-Saxon problem.

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