

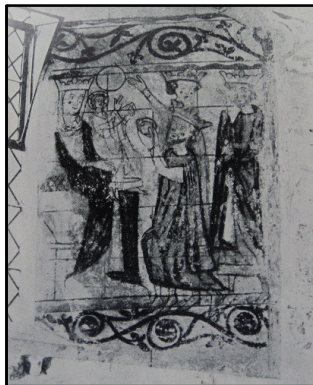
The Old Church of St Edward 1326-1867

Winterbourne Dauntsey



A watercolour of St Edward's by Richard Kemm

St Edward's was consecrated in 1326. When Sir Richard Colt Hoare visited in the 1830's he described the church as "a small plain building, formed of flint. There are four piscinae in it and some fragments of ancient stained glass." The nave was 35 feet long and the chancel nearly 18, both by 25 feet wide.



Wall paintings "of high antiquity" found in 1867

When the church was demolished in 1867, a series of wall paintings "of high antiquity" depicting the principal events in the life of Christ, were discovered beneath the plasterwork on the walls. They were coloured mainly red and yellow. Some tracings and copies of the paintings were made and even some photographs taken.

The last service was held at St Edward's on May 19th 1867.