

## **St Andrew's Church, West Dereham**

**Address :** St Andrew's Church, West Dereham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk

**Further details :** See [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or [www.westderehamheritage.co.uk](http://www.westderehamheritage.co.uk)

### **General Information**

St Andrews Church is a grade one listed round towered church. The round ironstone tower, which may have been built in Saxon times, has a Tudor brick octagonal top, its internal diameter of 17ft 4 inches is the widest of all the Norfolk towers. Additionally the church has a nave and chancel largely unchanged since the perpendicular windows were fitted in the 15th century.

Items of interest inside the church include its 14<sup>th</sup> century font, Jacobean pulpit and 17<sup>th</sup> century communion table, not to mention a poor box constructed from a 16<sup>th</sup> century table leg! Fragments of medieval glass are contained in the east & south aisle windows some of which is believed to have originated in West Dereham Abbey which was dissolved in 1539.

### **East Window**

The window contains 15<sup>th</sup> century stained glass fragments which are believed to have been salvaged from West Dereham Abbey after its dissolution. The arms in the centre of window are of Jenyns impaling Soame and contain the family motto "Ignavis nunquam" i.e "Never for the idle."

### **South Aisle Window**

Contains mainly 15<sup>th</sup> century fragments including partial figures of feathered angels and other incomplete images.