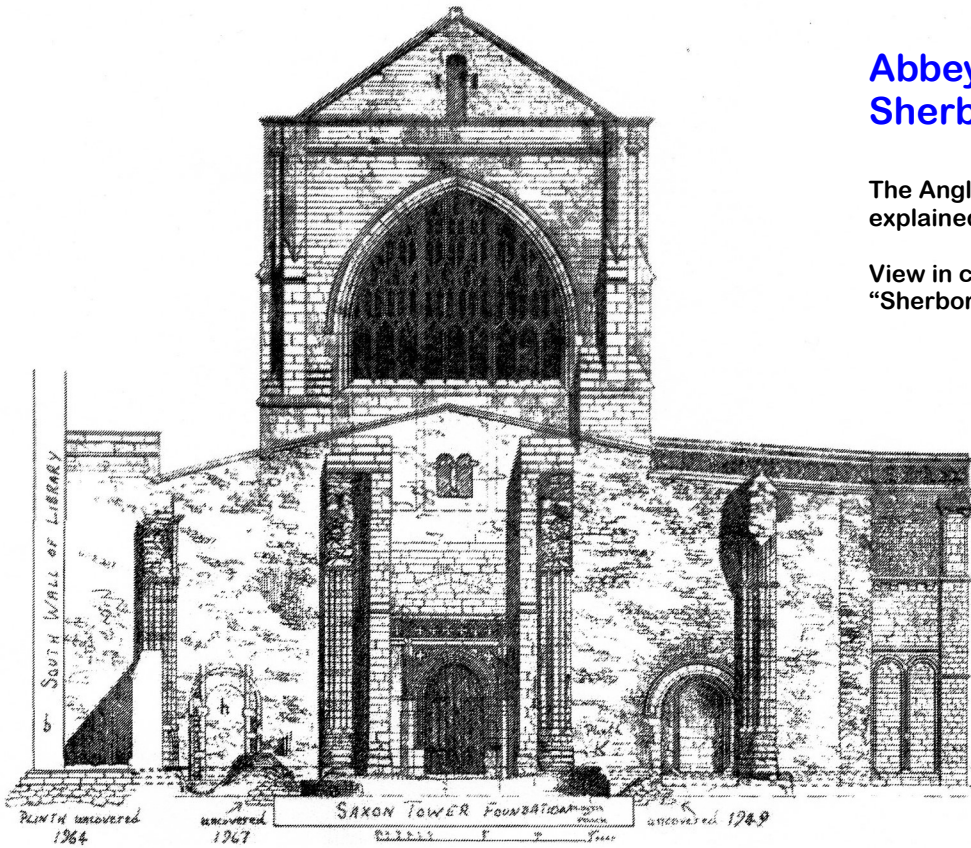


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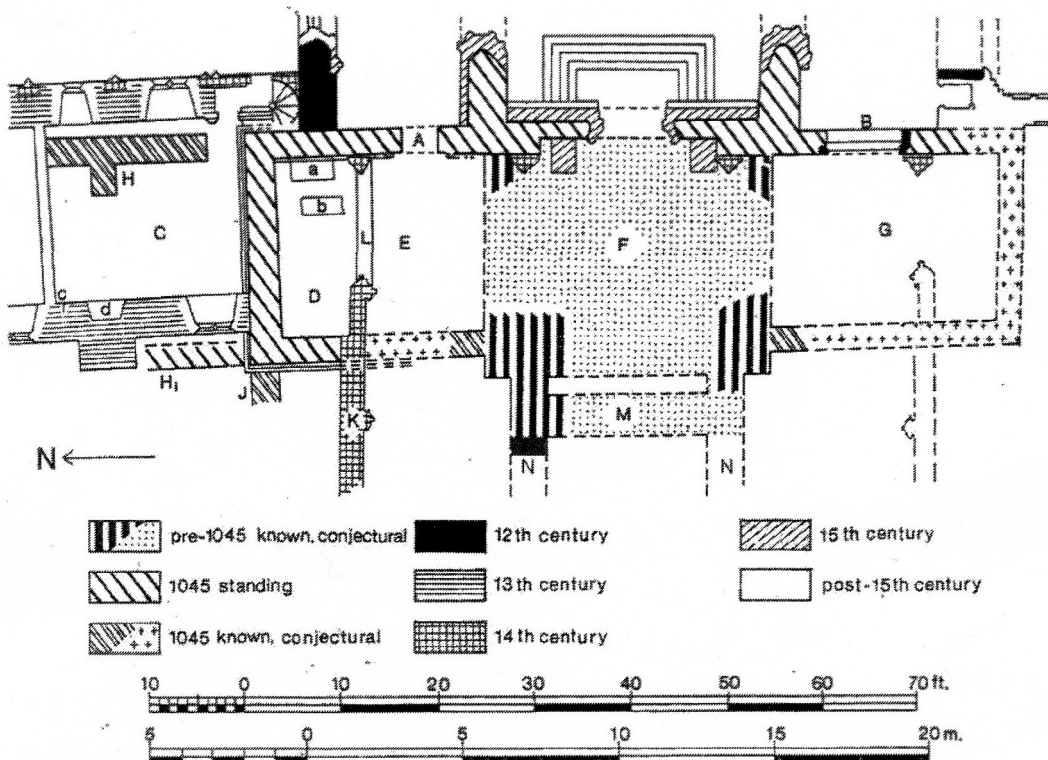
The Anglo-Saxon work/fabric at the Abbey explained.

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Above. West elevation of St. Mary's Abbey (as in 1845), preserving the east wall of the Anglo-Saxon *westwerken* and its *porticus*. Note the two-light window and blocked round-headed doorways (Gibb 1969).

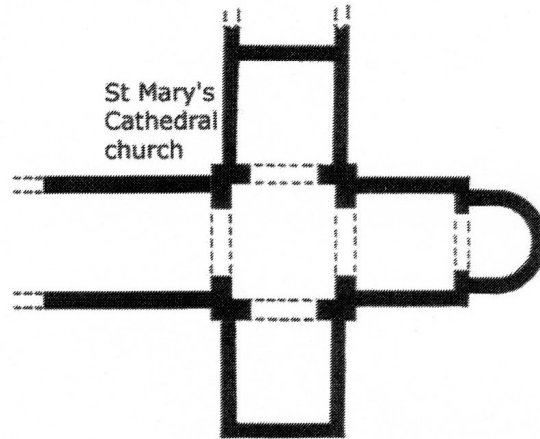
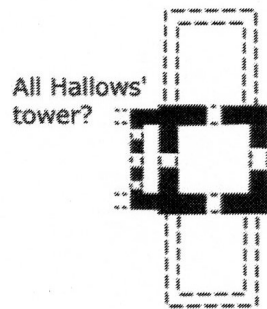
Below. The archaeological evidence. Excavation plan of the tower at the west end of the cathedral (Gibb 1975-76).



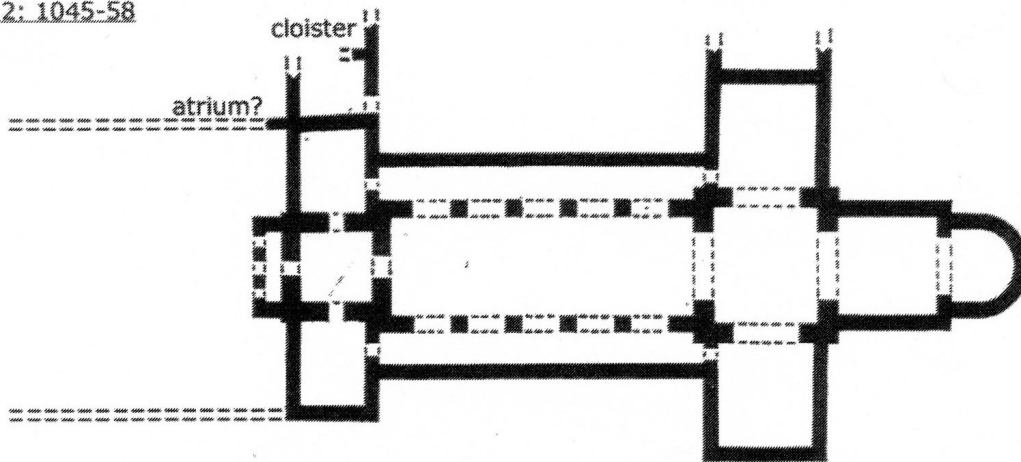
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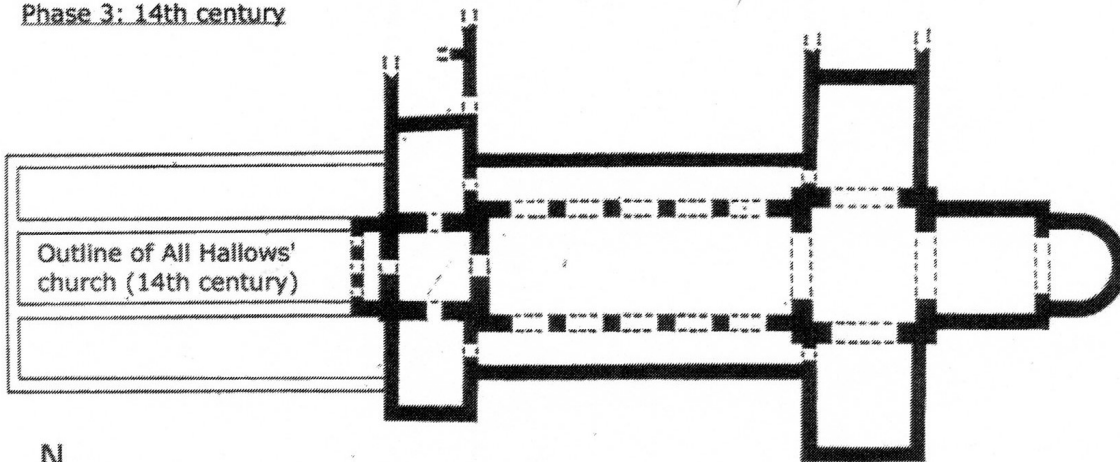
Phase 1: 993-1002?



Phase 2: 1045-58



Phase 3: 14th century



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Above. Suggested development of the Anglo-Saxon cathedral (modified from Gibb 1975, 99).

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A fine building of seemingly Perpendicular style, but where the fabric under the later coverings is of a far greater age (see dedicated text page for detailed information).

Pictures this page viewed clockwise from top left -

1. The west front and the site of the Saxon westwerken, from the SW; the 'uneven' rubble work is the Saxon walling, which is extensive (see H.Taylor). Saxon work is also to be found in the N wall of the N transept up to eave level (not illustrated).
2. A closer detail of part of the north aisle/porticus from the west.
3. A general view from the SW with some of the Abbey buildings to the left (now a part of the adjoining school).
4. Run of the west wall of the north porticus (standing 1045), the left-hand corner abuts an Abbey building now in use by the adjoining school as a Library (and see red arrow in previous picture for location).

