

## THE TOWER

The Tower, a later addition to the mediæval church represents a type familiar in Essex but unique in Cambridgeshire.

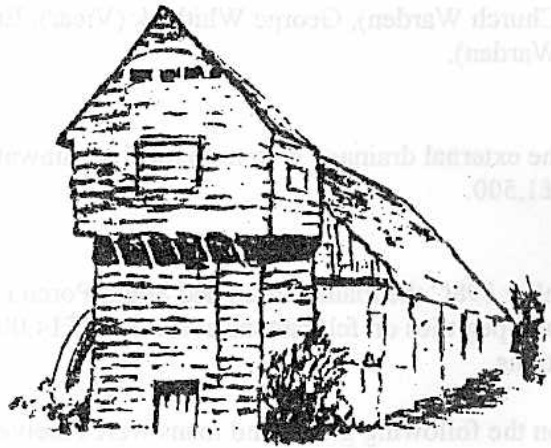
Pictures of the earlier tower (see right) do not reveal the same upper slopes that are there today.

Pevsner considers it to be 15<sup>th</sup> Century or earlier.

It has been taken down and rebuilt, re-erecting the massive old timbers upon a new stone base.

Formerly the tower was covered with rough weather boarding which has given place to cedar shingles. The upper slopes of the tower

were reclad in the Summer of 1976 at a cost of £1,500. The lower part was replaced in 1991.



## RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

In 1884 the Church was completely restored at a cost of £1,000. At this time the trusses and new timbers to the roof were incorporated over the Nave and the South Porch was added.

The stained glass East Window was erected by Henry Shadforth in memory of his wife who died in 1912. The wording on the window is as follows:

“To the Glory of God and in memory of Edward Reynolds of Paxton Hall died 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1888 and of Alice his widow (afterwards wife of Henry Shadforth) who died 1<sup>st</sup> October 1912 largely instrumental in the Restoration of this church AD1884. The window was dedicated in 1915. The cartoons were drawn by George Daniels B.A. and the window was made by Clayton and Bell of London.

The oil fired heating system still currently in use was installed in September 1955 at a cost of £736.00, the boiler housing was repaired at the same time.

In 1974 the oak panelling at the back of the Altar was installed by Dora Mildren and her brother in memory of their parents Charles and Irene Banks.

The current organ was built by Roger Henthorne, Priest, and the case was made by Mr. Victor Irons, a local resident in 1975.