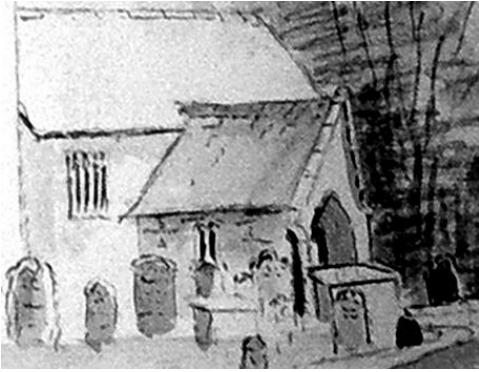


## 1. THE PORCH



An open porch was added to the church not long before 1400. There are two early windows and, unusually, a small east door. Marriages and other ceremonies were held in the porch and the door may have been for the priest to cross from the door to the chancel a few metres away. The chancel door disappeared when the organ chamber was built (see (10)).

The door into the church is mentioned in the churchwardens' books. In 1739 hooks were installed for the 'great door'. There is no sign of hooks for the outer south porch door this must be the door into the church from the porch - the north door is mentioned on the same page. In 1758 deal planks for the north and great doors were bought; in 1802 John Lewis was paid 15s 6d for 'cutting' 5 dozen letters over the church door and painting the same. There is no trace of them now. The current door is relatively new.

Note the two foot scrapers outside the large porch door so that the congregation did not bring muddy boots into the church.