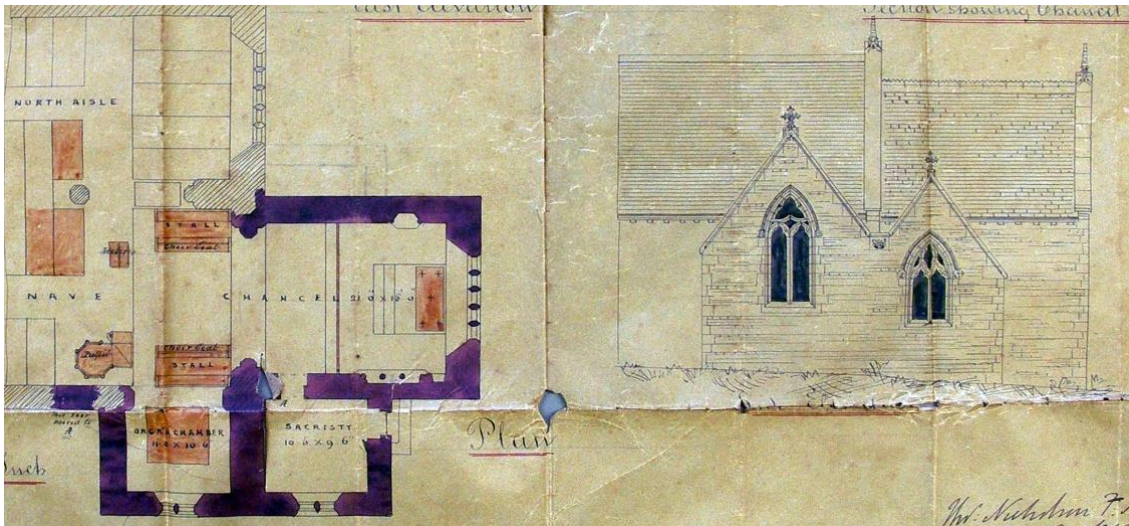


10. THE ORGAN CHAMBER



A plan was drawn up by Thomas Nicholson in 1876 to extend the chancel further to the east, shown in purple on the plan. This would have allowed both an organ chamber and a sacristy - a room for the priest to dress and where vestments were kept - to be fitted in on the south side. This was probably too expensive so the sacristy was abandoned; the chancel stayed the same but the organ chamber *was* built, see the south (left) and east faces below .



The organ chamber is connected to the church by a massive arch - so large perhaps the stones for the new chancel arch had already been made and had to be used. In the process it destroyed the original priest's entrance to the church and a window to the east. The priest now had to enter by the door on the east side of the organ chamber and squeeze past the organ into the church. This door is locked and probably hasn't been used for many years.