

# Our 1000 year old Saxon Font



This font is about 200 years older than the oldest part of this church, which itself dates back to around 1215 AD.

It is believed to have been made for an earlier timber church on this or a nearby site. In 1950's the font was declared redundant and was moved to a village garden where it was used as a planter. Its significance was later realised, and it was reinstalled in its present position. It is still used for Baptism services.

The wooden base on which this font stands is recent. This raises the font to a convenient height for the baptism of infants, but it is believed that the font would originally have been set directly onto the floor. The person or child being baptised would have stood (or been supported) *inside* the font, to be drenched with water during the ceremony. The plug-hole to release the water is quite obvious.

Note that there are two sets of three recesses round the rim, one of which contains a stub of metal. These may have supported some sort of cover when the font was not in use.