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St. Matthews Church



The Old Parish of Worthington

The old Parish of Worthington lies within the boundaries shown by the red line on the map. Embracing the hamlets of Worthington, Newbold, Griffydam and Gelsmoor. (Est pop 1800)

St Matthews is a Norman Church, but the name Worthington is Saxon so from that we can deduce that there was a village here in Saxon times.

Worthington was then part of Breedon Parish, where in 1114 the Church was re-built and occupied by 5 monks as a cell or outpost of the Augustinian priory of St Oswald Nostell in Yorkshire.

The church is of simple shoe-box shape, a rectangle with no distinctive separation of chancel from nave, though a later wooden screen performs this duty.

The nave is said to be the oldest part of the church. The small lancet, deeply spayed windows, and semi-circular head of the south door, with the walls being thick without original buttresses lead to the conclusion that this portion was built in the latter part of the 12th century or early 13th century.

The chancel is described as 14th century . The War Memorial (WW1 & WW2).

For more information please contact the church.



Inside the church



The War Memorial (WW1 and WW2)



The 14th century sandstone font

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