

## WANTISDEN CHURCH



Wantisden Church is a classic example of use of **Coralline Crag 'rock bed'** as a building stone in an attractive and substantial building. There is easy parking outside the churchyard to view the exterior, although the church is normally locked.

Sawn blocks of Coralline Crag are used for the external tower walls and the internal tower staircase and steps up to rood loft. Cross bedding is apparent in some of the blocks and trace fossils and bryozoans are also evident in places.

Coralline Crag is unique to Suffolk and was mainly used as a building stone from the 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> centuries for lesser structures on farms and in walls. Wantisden and Chillesford churches both have 14<sup>th</sup> century towers, Butley church a buttress and Eyke church a 15<sup>th</sup> century extension, all made from Coralline Crag. RADM 2010

