

**The Search for
WINCHESTER'S
Anglo-Saxon
MINSTERS**

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Winchester's earliest Anglo-Saxon church (later known as Old Minster) as it may have looked about 650, looking south-east.



The Anglo-Saxon Old Minster in its final form, completed 992-4, looking north-east, with the west front of New Minster, built 901-3, and its tower built in the 980s in the background.

In memory of
Birthe Kjølbye-Biddle
1941–2010



Birthe Kjølbye-Biddle was a Danish archaeologist who transformed approaches to archaeological excavation in England.

Joining the Winchester excavations as a student from the University of Aarhus in 1964 she introduced metric measurements and imposed new standards of rigour in excavation, stratigraphic recording and analysis, which were adopted throughout the work of the Winchester Excavations Committee. This technical brilliance provided the basis for her forthcoming posthumous publication on the archaeology of the Anglo-Saxon minsters (*Winchester Studies* 4.i). The present book is a tribute to Birthe by Simon Hayfield, whom she selected as the principal illustrator of WS 4.i, and whom she trained in archaeological illustration.

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