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This is a plain church which was restored in 1812 and entirely re-built in 1872, but not on exactly the old foundations, being rather smaller than the original structure, the foundation of which only remained at that time. It is dedicated to St. Michael. There is an aumbrey, but this is quite new. There is a stone on the west side of the porch inscribed "1591" and the Rector states that he had been told that on the reverse side there is an inscription "1674" probably the dates when the building had been restored. There is no well. There are two pewter dishes; one rather deeper than the other, is supposed to be a vessel for washing the chalice, etc. and the other to have been used as a collection plate at funerals, when those present donated amounts to pay the sexton and grave-diggers. The Rector explained that in some places this was a custom and that sometimes a spade was held out to receive the contributions.

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