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The parish church of Walsoken, in Norfolk was built in the middle of the twelfth century , in the Norman style of the age, of which it is one of the finest examples now remaining in England. The pillars of the nave and chancel are alternatively circular and octagonal, and are very massive. They support semicircular arches, richly moulded chiefly with chevron or zigzag moulding. The clerestory is of much later date, in the perpendicular style of gothic architecture, and was probable built about the middle of the fifteenth century, when the old Normal clerestory was removed. There are two side chapels, one at the end of the north aisle, dedicated to the Virgin, and called the Lady Chapel. In front of the other, the south chapel, is a richly carved screen, a very fine specimen of the carved work of the period, (the fifteenth century) to which it belongs. The massive oak ends of the seats must be assigned to the same date. They are carved in a bold style, with side figures in deep relief. The font is very ancient, with rude sculptures in the compartments of its sides representing the sacraments of the Romish church.

This fine parish church is highly interesting to all students of our old ecclesiastical architecture. The Rector and churchwardens are now attempting to restore it, under the direction of Mr. W, Smith, architect, of London.