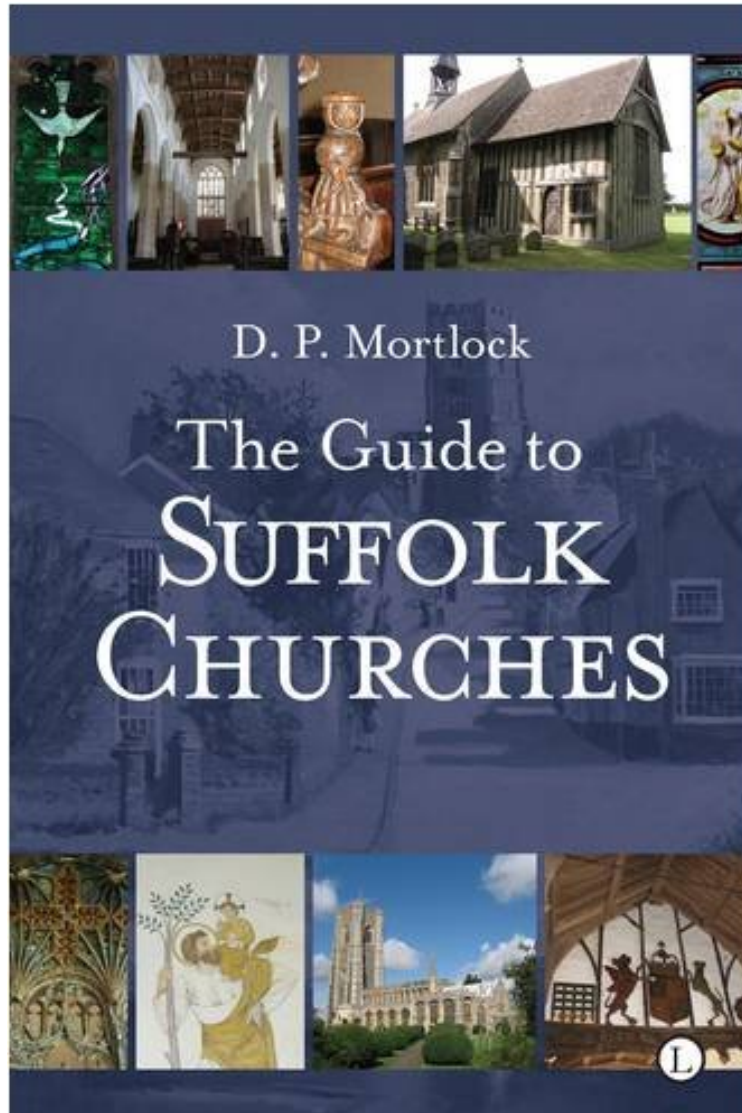


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Suffolk is a county renowned for the beauty of its many parish churches, but for many visitors the physical language in which they speak, that of stained glass, engraved fonts, and hammerbeamed roofs, is obscure. Now available in a single updated volume, the *Guide to Suffolk Churches* provides a route into this fascinating world, its architecture and history. From the 10th century to the 20th, Mortlock opens a window onto the intricacies of church architecture and decoration. From bells to pulpits to centuries-old graffiti found in window wells, each church unfolds from sealed tome to open book in Mortlock's hands. Accompanying the entries are extensive appendices and a useful glossary. From carvings of woodwoses to weeping chancels, the meaning of idiosyncracies and uniformities alike across the county are laid out in clear, engaging prose. New photographs, line drawings, and a detailed map ensure that neither the greatest of artefacts nor the smallest of churches can be accidentally overlooked. Written in a voice as knowledgeable as it is enthusiastic about Suffolk and its churches, the guide is incomparable in both its thoroughness and charm, as it unlocks more than one thousand years of history across the county's hundreds of churches. There is no visit to any parish church in Suffolk, no matter how well informed the visitor, that would not be more enjoyable and informative for having Mortlock along.

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Simon Knott in *Ecclesiology Today* vol. 44, January 2012

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