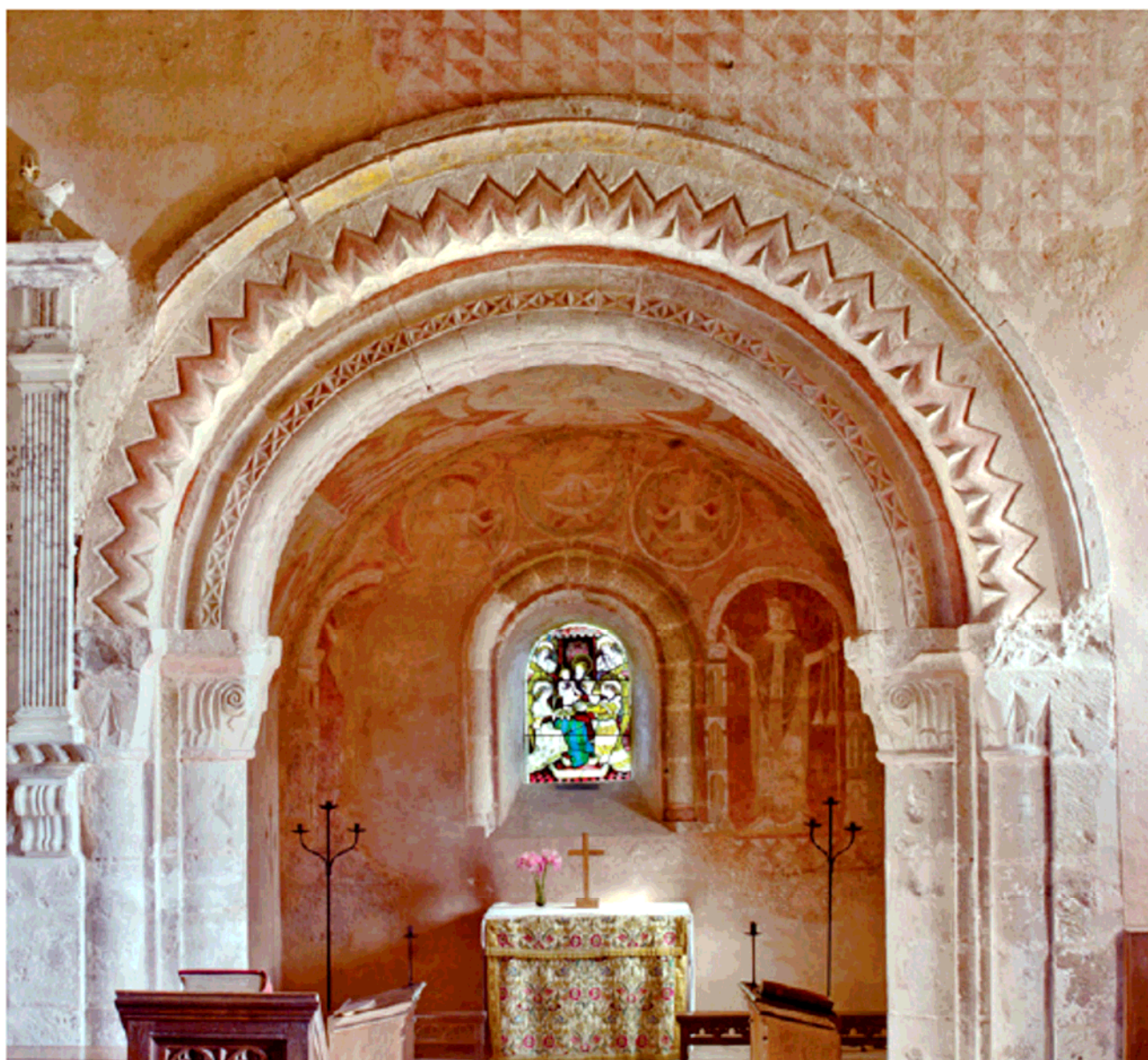


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The Chancel Arch



St Mary's church was built around 1130, and the chancel arch is a fine example of Romanesque architecture. The arch is rounded (as opposed to the later 12th-century pointed Gothic style), and has typically large proportions. The fine dog-tooth mouldings are painted red, yellow and white, with a striking chequerboard pattern on the underside of the arch.

Its volute capitals show how local artistic styles were incorporated; their design is similar to the sculpture at the nearby parish church at Dymock.

