

Church Damaged by Lightning Strikes

Sept. 24. The Storm of this day was severely felt at Keeval, co. Wilts. The lightning forced its way through the stone walls into the church, on the west side, over the window, and went in an exact horizontal line across the church, and out at the north side, driving many stones of large magnitude into the church and church-yard: other lightning took its direction in at the belfry-window, struck a very large beam, and shivered it into a thousand splinters: thence it passed down the wall of the tower, and out at the church-porch, doing much damage in its passage. In the belfry, it rent the lock of the clock-face from the door, and melted the wires of the clock.

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