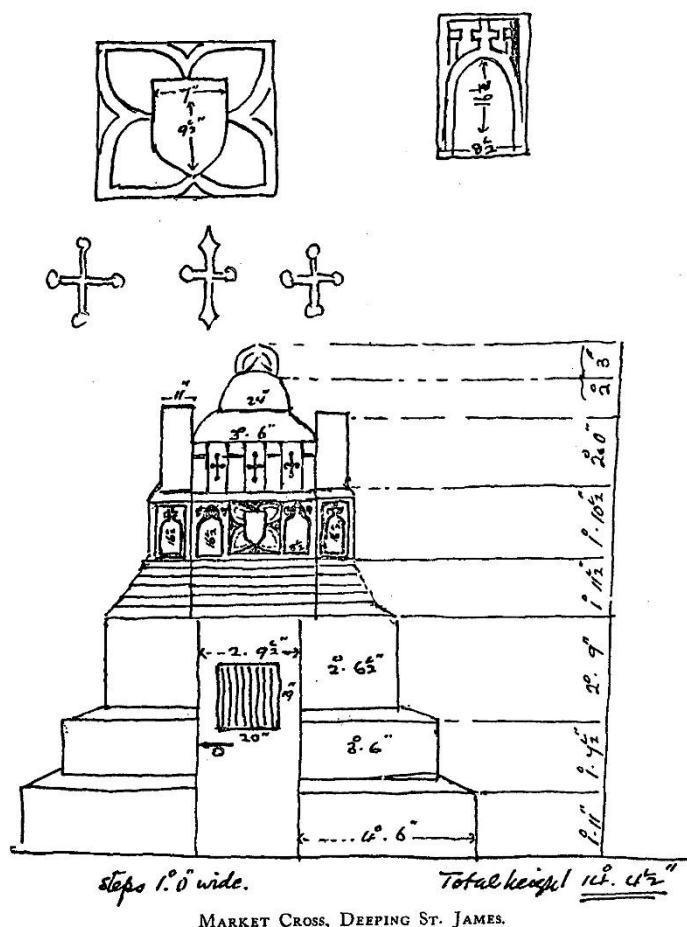


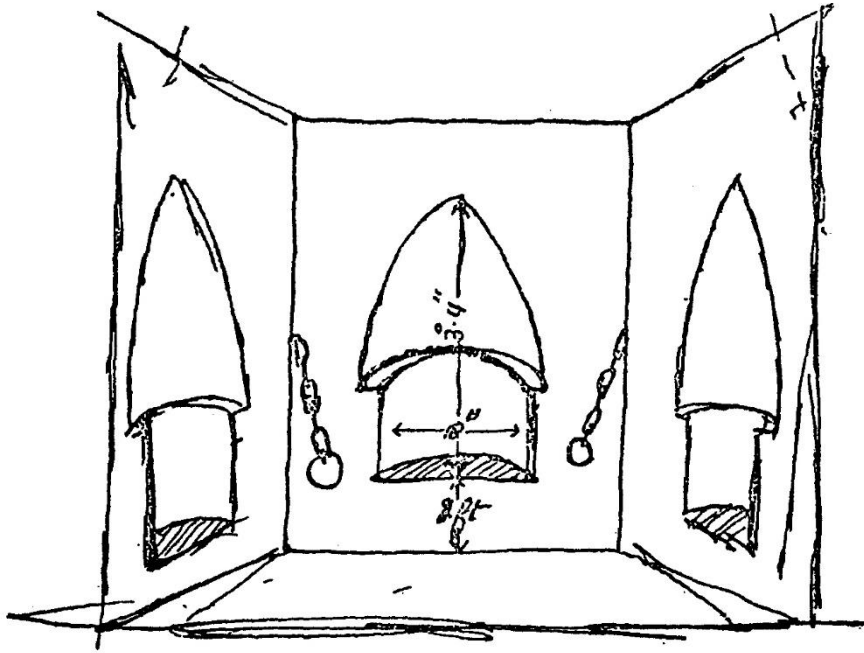
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ANCIENT STONE CROSSES IN KESTEVEN.

Deeping St. James - Market Cross - The Rev. S. W. Skene, Vicar of Deeping St. James has drawn a sketch of this unique Market Cross. It is interesting to note that there is another very similar building at Helpston in Northamptonshire, which being not so very far from Deeping may have been designed by the same person. An inscription over the door at Deeping states that it was re-built in 1819. It is a square building consisting of two steps, 1 ft. wide, and an elaborate upper portion, with an interior room, 5 ft. sq. In the room are two chains fixed to the walls. At one time it was used as a lock-up" wherein the Village Constables, prior to the establishment of Police, used to shut up their prisoners, whom they fed by means of a kettle, the spout of which was inserted through the bars in the grating of the door. Mr. Skene says one of the parishioners can remember this being done and also that once the kettle was taken to the nearest blacksmith to have a piece put on the spout, to lengthen it." The total height of the building is 14 ft. 4 ½ inches. The interior room measures 5 feet square, tapering gradually up into the cupola.





DEEPING ST. JAMES (INTERIOR).