

Classification

The gradual development of church architecture has been classified into a few periods, beginning with the Norman round arches of the 11th & 12th centuries. Next comes Gothic architecture, using the pointed arch that is sub-divided into three periods: Early English in the 13th century; the brief 'Decorated' period of the 14th century and the 'Perpendicular' style of the 15th century. There was very little church building in the 16th and 17th century.

In the 19th century the Classical style emerged during the rapid expansion of urban centres like High Wycombe and Aylesbury. The early part of the 20th century is the Gothic Revival period where the 'Decorated' style eventually won out over the 'Perpendicular' style. The rest of the 20th century allowed architects more freedom and many new styles emerged during that time.