

# Crypt



THE LATE 12<sup>th</sup> CENTURY UNDERCROFT OF THE VICARS' HALL

A view of part of the Crypt (or, Undercroft according to Francis Steer. Credit to him in reproduction of this photographic print. The Chichester Papers. Number 12. 1958). It shows in particular, the stone traceries of the vaulted ceiling and the central round supporting columns with rounded collar capitals. Note: the three feet thick walls in the window opening and the ancient random stone floors. Also, this picture was taken, before conversion to a café. An opportunity to view, up close, the 13<sup>th</sup>. Century vaulted ceiling, is unique, because in most cases they are very high up in Cathedrals. The remarkable indication of the accuracy of the Masons' skills, in preparing the curved and faceted stone ribs and installing them with such perfect fitting, is incredible.