

Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary



Parvise

A parvise is a porch, or an open area, such as a court, before the entrance of a building, especially a church. In nineteenth century England the name also was given to a room directly above the church porch. This room was suitable for use as a school or as a library.

The name may have been a corruption of "Paradise."

St. Peter's-in-the-East,
Oxford, ca. 1450. Woodcut,
1845.