

## Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary

### Pulpitum

Much like the wooden rood screen the pulpitum was designed to separate the choir from the nave. It was usually of stone and several feet thick. At one time all large cathedral priories had both a pulpitum and a rood screen. Pulpitum sometimes served as platforms for choirs and in much later times they could be made to accommodate an organ

*Top right:* The open arches of the originally solid pulpitum in Exeter Cathedral, Devon, England, date from a 19th Century reconstruction designed to provide a better view of the altar. It had shrines with altars in the arched niches. (John Stabb, *Old Churches of Devon*, called it a rood screen and the cathedral's own website refers to it as a "medieval screen.") *Below right:* The Pulpitum in Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall, Lincolnshire, still has its altars intact in the niches of the solid pulpitum.

