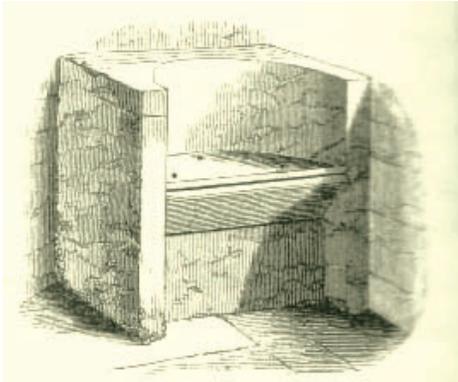


Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary

Frithstool



“Frithstool, Fridstool, Freedstoll, Ang. Sax. Peace+seat: literally seat of peace. A seat or chair placed near to the altar in some churches, a last refuge and most sacred refuge of those who had the privilege of sanctuary within them, and for the violation of which the severest punishment was decreed; they were frequently, if not always, of stone.”¹



Frith Stool from Beverley Minster, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, England. *Left:* Beverley Minster. There is also a surviving Frith Stool at Hexam Abbey, known as St. Wilfrid's throne.

These stone benches are sometimes misidentified as bishop's thrones. (Distinct from the folding faldstool used by Roman bishops when not occupying the throne.)

¹ *A Glossary of Terms used in Grecian, Roman, Italian and Gothic Architecture*, Oxford, John Henry Parker: David Bogue, Fleet Street, London, 1845.