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**A Report on an Archaeological Evaluation**

**at**

**The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire**

**(NGR SK 6135 3087)**

**Prepared on behalf of**

**The Rector and Parochial Church Council**

**of**

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire**

**SUMMARY**

***JSAC 205/97/002***

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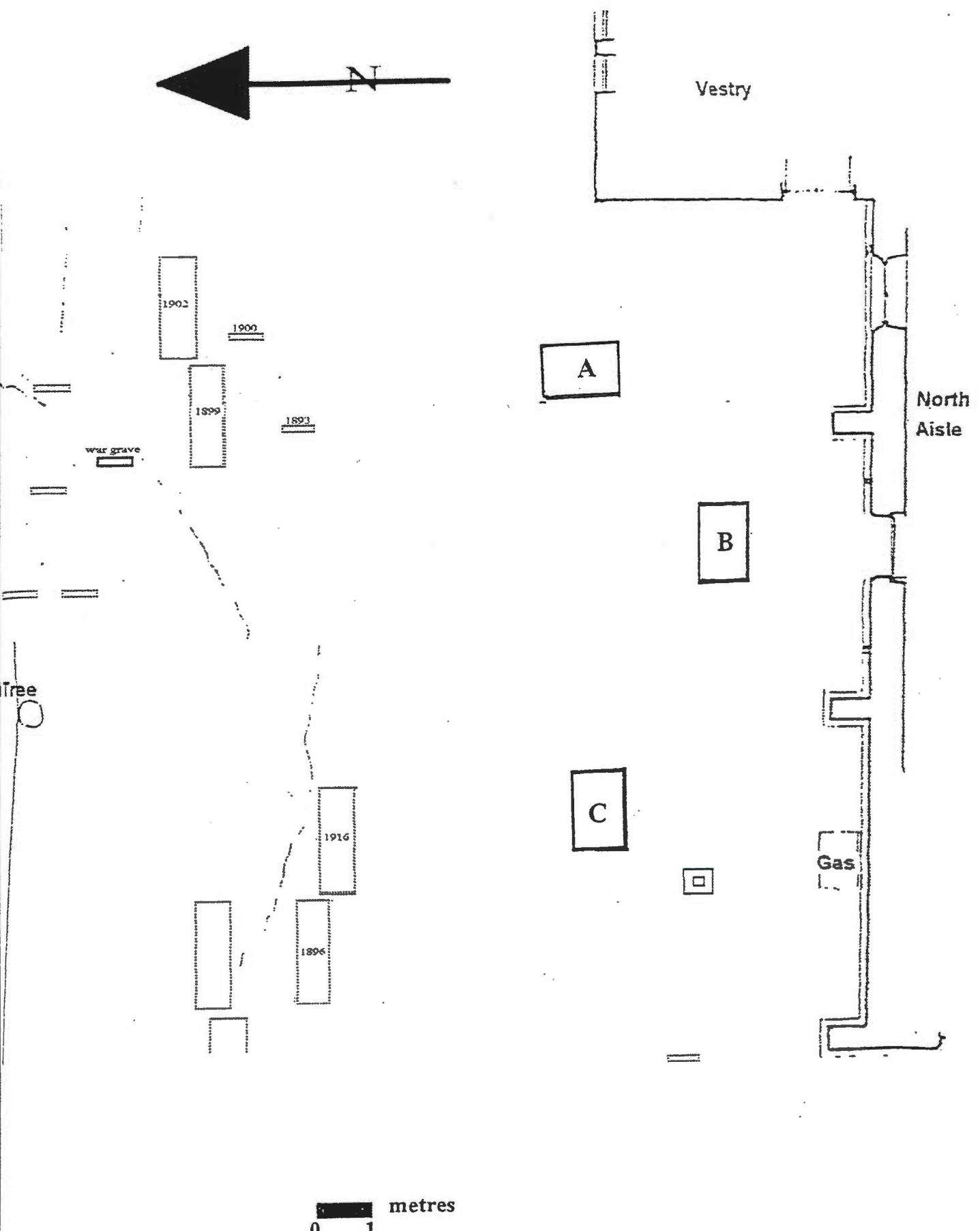
*It is proposed that an extension to St Mary Magdalene Church, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire be built. In advance of this work the Southwell Diocesan Advisory Committee required that an archaeological evaluation be undertaken. John Samuels Archaeological Consultants were appointed to undertake this work. A specification for an archaeological evaluation was submitted by John Samuels Archaeological Consultants and this was subsequently approved by the Archaeological Advisor to the Southwell Diocesan Advisory Committee (JSAC205/97/001).*

*Three evaluation trenches were excavated by hand to a depth of 1.10 metres, mainly through made-up ground. These deposits appeared to be the result of landscaping, possibly in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. No features of archaeological importance were identified although a number of grave cuts were noted.*

*The excavation was carried out to the prescribed depth without encountering any significant archaeological remains and within the agreed timescale.*

### **3.0 Results**

- 3.1 All trenches were 1m x 1.5 m in plan and excavated to a depth of 1.10 m. The area of evaluation was all contained within a raised area of the church yard on the northwest side of the church. It is believed that this area has been landscaped in relatively modern times.
- 3.2 Trench A : Twenty five centimetres beneath the topsoil mortared brick work [020] was encountered. On excavation this was found to be the side walls of a brick lined burial vault. The whole of the vault was filled with a dark brown clayey silt which contained large quantities rubble material [017]. At the limit of excavation, 1.10 m, the surface of a small coffin [019] was exposed, possibly the burial of a child. The coffin was made of lead but had some wood adhering to its surface, indicating that this may originally have been a wooden coffin with a lead lining. The coffin was not disturbed during excavation.
- 3.3 Trench B : Within this trench 3 grave cuts were identified [06] [08] [09], no human remains were recovered in any of the grave cuts. The absence of human remains may be attributable to them having been removed during landscaping; as the fill of the grave cuts comprised redeposited materials.
- 3.4 Trench C : Beneath a covering of 0.25m of darkgrey/black clayey silt topsoil were three distinct redeposited soils [013] [014] [015]. These are believed to be the result of relatively modern landscaping activity.



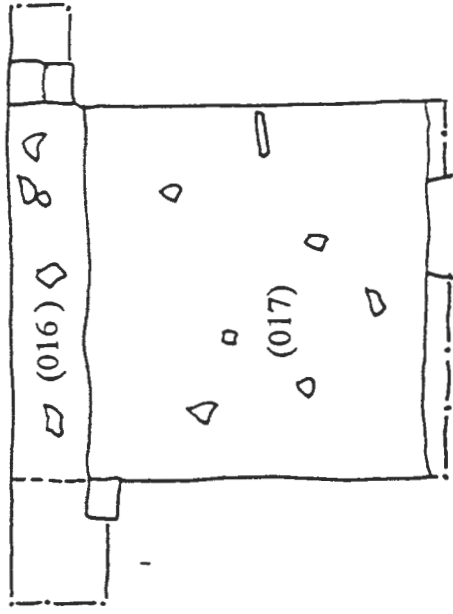
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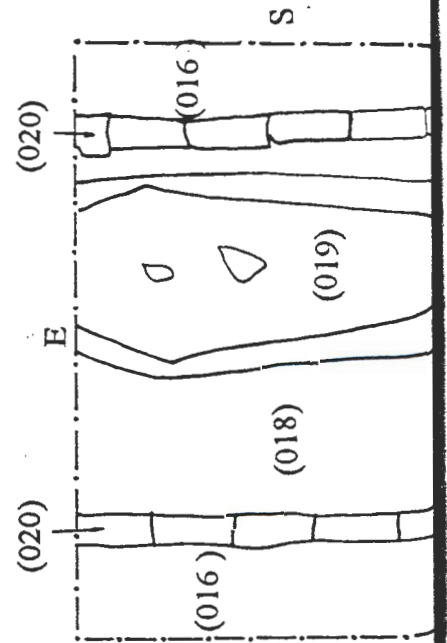
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Figure 2 : Location of Excavation

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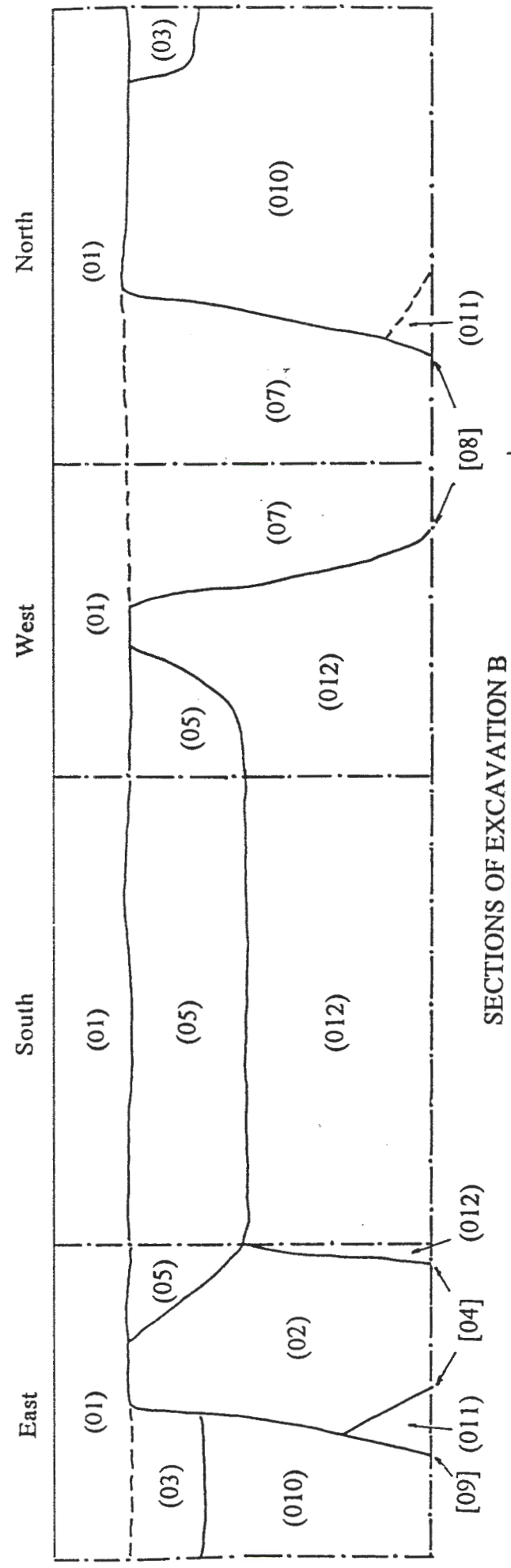


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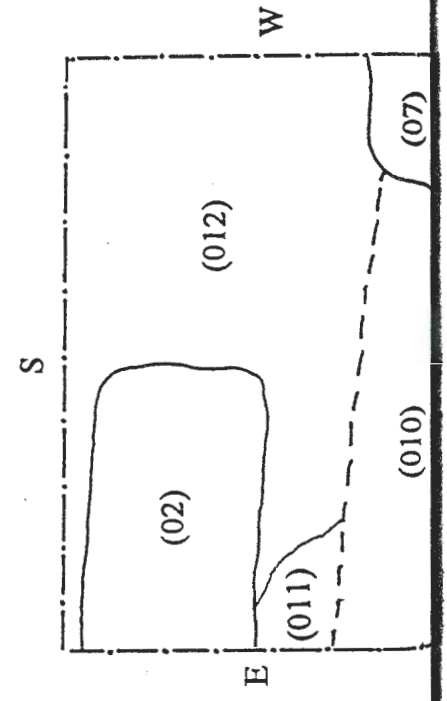
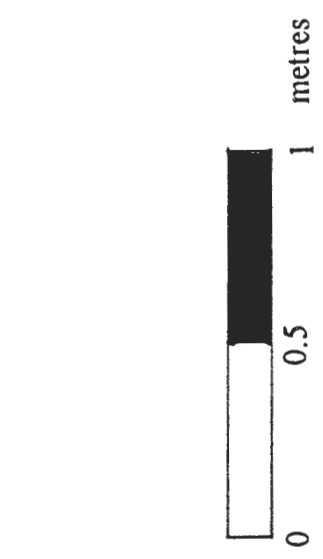


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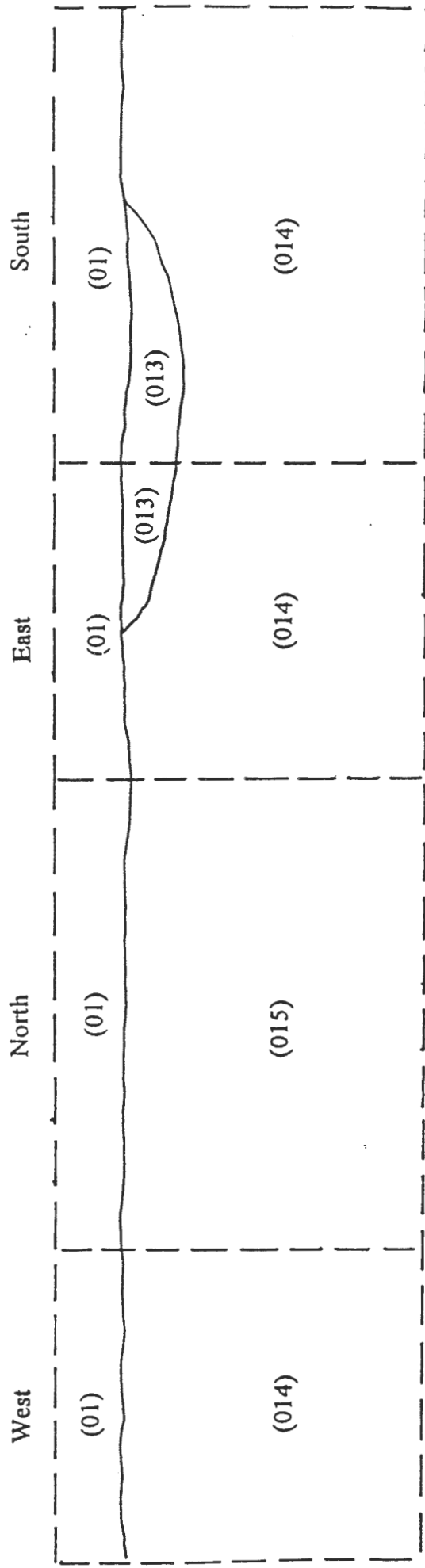


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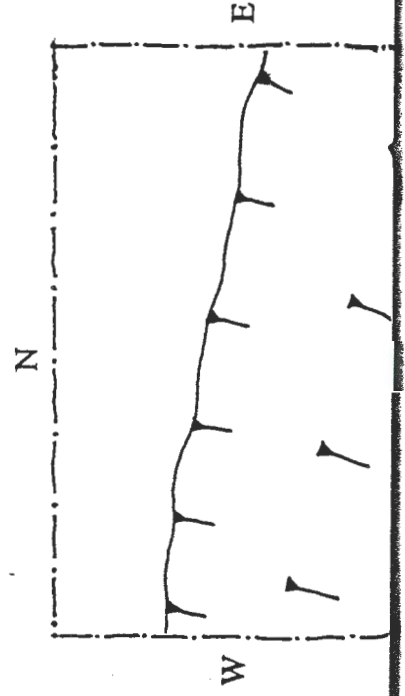


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