



# A Company of Angels: Norfolk's Angel Roofs In The Making

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## Further Information

### Online

Information about Hungate and about the exhibition, including the downloadable trail of Norwich Angel Roofs, can be found on our own website at [www.hungate.org.uk](http://www.hungate.org.uk)

The exhibition is based on Dr Sarah Cassell's PhD Thesis 'Structure and Image in Late Medieval East Anglian Angel Roofs', UEA, 2018. You can download the full text and illustrations from the UEA website [HERE](#)

To read a description of any individual Norfolk church, search [Norfolk Heritage Explorer](#) - the online portal to the Norfolk Historic Environment Record.

For the archive of the 'The Medieval Churches of Norwich: City, Community and Architecture' project, which produced the first volume in the bibliography below, go to [The Medieval Churches of Norwich | City, Community & Architecture](#)

Simon Knotts websites [www.norfolkchurches.co.uk](http://www.norfolkchurches.co.uk) and [www.suffolkchurches.co.uk](http://www.suffolkchurches.co.uk) contain wonderful photography of many more angel roofs, as do Michael Rimmers [www.angelroofs.co.uk](http://www.angelroofs.co.uk) and Paul Harleys blog at [www.paulharley.wordpress.com](http://www.paulharley.wordpress.com)

For more detailed technical diagrams of medieval roof construction see the online [Encyclopaedia of Medieval Carpentry](#)

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