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AN EXTREMELY RARE AND IMPORTANT ENGLISH MEDIEVAL SCULPTURE OF GOD THE FATHER. DORSET. CIRCA 1360.

VERY SELDOM DO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER AN EXCEPTIONAL ENGLISH MEDIEVAL SCULPTURE FOR SALE FROM THE 14TH CENTURY. GOD THE FATHER IS SCULPTURED FROM A SINGLE PIECE OF REDDISH-BROWN WEST COUNTRY OAK. LOSSES TO HANDS.

RECOVERED IN DORCHESTER, DORSET.

From the same workshop as the 14th-century stone reredos at Christchurch Priory. The facial type and beard are identical to a figure of King David carved on the Dorset reredos, and the same West Country workshop was also responsible for the upper row of figure on the West Front of Exeter Cathedral. The figure stands 128 cm tall and is carved from a single massive piece of reddish-brown West Country oak, which the back deeply hollowed. It is very likely that the figure came from Christchurch Priory and once stood in one of the now empty niches in the reredos, which were said to have originally contained wooden sculptures and are approximately the same height.

There are extensive traces of medieval polychrome and a number of ancient repairs - including a later medieval patch to the



drapery and crack to the right side secured with old ironwork.

ILLUSTRATED ON THE WEBSITE- INVISIBLESAINTSMYPARISH.ORG. THIS IS A COMMUNITY DRIVEN WEB BASED PROJECT TO LOCATE, DIGITALLY RECORD AND DOCUMENT THE LONG LOST MEDIEVAL DEVOTIONAL WOOD SCULPTURES OF THE BRITISH ISLES. THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THIS WEB SITE IS TO BRING THESE WORKS OF ART TO LIGHT, NOT ONLY FOR THEIR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES BUT ALSO FOR FUTURE SCHOLARS, THE WEBSITE WAS COMPILED BY THE WARWICK ARTS DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY.

PROVENANCE- FROM AN IMPORTANT ENGLISH COLLECTION.

APROX DIMENSIONS

STOCK NO 1725.

SOLD

Dimensions:

Height: 52 inches (132.1 cms)

Width: 19 inches (48.3 cms)

Depth: 12 inches (30.5 cms)

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