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The construction of a church was one of the most demanding events to take place in the life of a medieval parish. It required a huge outlay of time, money and labour, and often a new organisational structure to oversee design and management. Who took control and who provided the financing was deeply shaped by local patterns in wealth, authority and institutional development – from small villages with little formal government to large settlements with highly unequal populations. The later middle ages was a period of great economic and social change as communities managed the impact of the Black Death, the end of serfdom and the slump of the mid-fifteenth century. This original and authoritative study provides an account of how economic change, local politics and architecture combined in late-medieval England. It will be of interest to researchers of medieval social and architectural history.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AHEW</i>	<i>Agrarian History of England and Wales</i>
BCM	Berkeley Castle Muniments
BL	British Library, London
BLA	Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Records Service, Bedford
BLO	Bodleian Library, Oxford
CA	Cambridgeshire Archives
CCA	Canterbury Cathedral Archives
CCCC	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Archives
CRO	Cornwall Record Office, Truro
CUL	Cambridge University Library
CWAs	Churchwardens' Accounts
ERO	Essex Record Office, Chelmsford
ERYA	East Riding of Yorkshire Archives, Beverley
ESRO	East Sussex Record Office, Brighton
HALS	Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, Hertford
HCA	Hereford Cathedral Archives
LA	Lincolnshire Archives, Lincoln
LMA	London Metropolitan Archives
LSE	London School of Economics and Political Science Archive
NRO	Norfolk Archives Centre, Norwich
OHC	Oxfordshire History Centre, Oxford
SkRO(IB)	Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich branch)
SRO	Somerset Record Office, Taunton
TNA	The National Archives, Kew
<i>VCH</i>	<i>Victoria County History</i>
WLHC	Walsall Local History Centre