

Glossary of architectural terms

Reveal: the side of an opening for a door or window between the frame and the outer surface of a wall, showing the wall's thickness;

Hood moulding: gothic ornamental stone moulding which projects over an arch, doorway or window, in order to throw water clear of the building;

Ferramenta: metal window grid to which glazing, especially stained glass, is secured.

Parvise or parvis: the open space in front of and around a cathedral or church, especially when surrounded by either colonnades or porticoes. "In London in the Middle Ages the Serjeants-at-law practised at the parvis of St Paul's Cathedral, where clients could seek their counsel. In the 14th century Geoffrey Chaucer referred to '*A sergeant of the laws ware and wise/ That often hadde yben at the paru[a]is...*'. Later, ecclesiastical courts developed at Doctors' Commons on the same site." [Pevsner/[Wiki](#)].

Iconostasis: In Orthodox churches, the screen that divides off the sanctuary, usually decorated with sacred images/icons.

kalimavkion headgear: A stiff cylindrical head covering, similar to a stovepipe hat but without a brim. The specific shape and colouring will differ between the various ethnic traditions. [[Wiki](#)]

[Pevsner's Architectural Glossary](#) is available as an iPhone App, a snip at £4.49 (at 29 September 2021).