

## **St Michael's Church, Ormesby St Michael**

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**Further details :** See [www.norwich.anglican.org](http://www.norwich.anglican.org) or [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **General Information**

This lovely little church with its 14<sup>th</sup> century tower and thatched nave has many attractive features including its arch braced Roof and 13<sup>th</sup> century octagonal font.

For lovers of Pre Raphaelite art, the highlight of any visit are the three superb stained glass windows designed by Henry Holiday. They are so good that the east window picturing the Madonna and Child was selected to feature as the Post Office's 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christmas stamp.

### **East Window**

This beautiful c1920 window is one of the three in the church designed by Henry Holiday (1839 – 1927). Holiday's work was very much influenced by the work of Sir Edward Burne Jones (whose work can be seen in Antingham) . Although he was originally employed as a glass designer at Powell's (who are widely accredited with establishing the pre-Raphaelite style in stained glass) he left in 1891 when he set up his own workshop.

Here we see the Madonna and Child flanked by angels proclaiming how important it is to love one another. Holiday has employed beautiful vibrant colours to dramatic effect.

### **South Chancel Window**

In this c1898 Holiday depicts the figure of Faith and declares "We walk by faith not by sight"

### **North Chancel Window**

This c1911 window is dedicated to the memory of W Edgar Worship . Here Holiday has designed the figure of Charity standing in a field of flowers.