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General Information

The 14th century church of St John the Evangelist originally consisted of a nave, chancel vestry and north and south aisles, each with its own porch and doorway. Its appearance is very different today largely as a result of the sudden collapse of the tower on 28th April 1948, an event which destroyed both the nave and south aisle. Much of the building was saved when a wall was built across the west end of the chancel in its place to create a smaller, church from the former chancel. The attractive remains now appear as a group of ecclesiastical buildings in a garden complete with what appears to be a cloister along the north wall more typical of Italy than Norfolk! Of particular importance is the Bedingfield Chapel. This Chantry Chapel was founded in 1496 and contains two terracotta tombs that Mortlock & Roberts describe as "the finest of their type in England". The chapel is redolent of the English Catholic Church on the eve of the Reformation. Of real fascination is that this chapel retained its treasures through the vandalising periods of both the Reformation and the Commonwealth.

The church retains some 14th & 15th century glass. Of particular note are the 14th century prophets located in the South chancel that these were two of the original windows financed by John.

Chancel East



Although mainly clear glass, the lower tracery contains six 15th century angels which were made by the Norwich School. They are playing a variety of instruments including the organ, bagpipes and the harp. Originally the window contained all nine orders of angels. In a central panel a 15th century roundel containing the image of a king is on display

Chancel North 1

Medieval fragments of two saints can be seen in the tracery lights. The left hand figure is holding a lamb indicating that it is possibly John the Baptist.

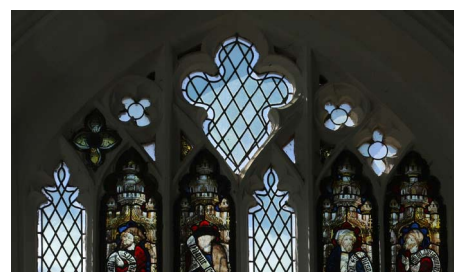


Chancel North 2



In tracery light there remains a late 14th century figure of a prophet. He can be thus recognized because he wears a hat with a "recognizable" point and carries a scroll containing a verse from the Old Testament

Chancel South 1



The window contains four late 14th century figures of prophets. They can be thus recognized because they wear hats with "recognizable" points and carry scrolls containing verses from the Old Testament. From the verses three of the figures have been identified as : Moses, Baruch and Issiah



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