

## **St Catherine's, Mile Cross**

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

### **General Information**

The current church was consecrated in 1936 when it replaced a smaller church which had served the district since 1902.

Designed by Caroe and Robinson the building incorporates many "Norman" nuances including a neo-norman south entrance and lancet windows. It still retains many of its original Art Deco furnishings, including very attractive lights. Interestingly it also houses six bells which were transferred here from St Mary at Coslany, after it was decommissioned, the two oldest of which were made by between 1424 and 1513.

The attractive stained glass was designed by Hubert Blanchford to harmonise with its surroundings.

### **East Window**

The window depicts the second coming of Christ. Christ is on the clouds of heaven surrounded by rays of heavenly glory. On his hands and feet are the marks of the passion. Above Him are angels, and also St Catherine (with her emblematic wheel), St Fursey (depicted as an abbot) and St Felix (depicted as a priest).

At the bottom of the window people anxiously await the Lord's return. One of these figures is an earthly king who offers Jesus his own crown. The text reads: "To them that look for Him shall He appear" and "Be ye also ready".

### **West Window**

Five small panels depict: Saint Felix, Saint Catherine & St Fursey flanked by Bishop Bertram Pollock (who was in post when the church was consecrated) and an Archdeacon. It is said that the figure of Catherine was taken from a portrait of the Bishop's wife.