

St Andrew, Thursford

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General Information

Although St Andrew's retains a number of medieval features including its early 14th century west tower, north aisle and east bay it has undergone an extensive Victorian renovation exemplified by its chancel which encompasses piers, arcades and a mosaic reredos. Although the Victoriana divides opinion the east window, inserted in 1862, receives extensive praise with Nikolaus Pevsner going so far as to describe it as '...one of the most beautiful of its time in England, or indeed Europe, as good as the early Morris glass'.

East Window

This 1862 window, designed by the artist Albert Moore and made by Powell & Sons, is widely acknowledged as an outstanding piece of work.

Its design is more redolent of the progressive work which emerged in the 1920s than of the mid 19th century and represents Moores's only surviving intact complete window. Here we see scenes depicting the Crucifixion, Ascension and Nativity together with images of 12 saints, all named and carrying their emblems.

South Chancel 1 and North Chancel 1

Both the south chancel and north chancel windows were designed c1873 by Harry Ellis Wooldridge and made by J Powell and sons.

The north chancel window depicts St Mary and St Joseph whilst in the south window we see St Cecilia and St Chad.