St James' Stained Glass

Introduction

St James' Church Ivanhoe has more than 20 stained glass windows some of which were created by Christian and Napier Waller. The latest stained glass is the Rose Window which marks the centenary of the Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. The window is designed by Glenn Mack (2003).

General History of the St James' Windows

Several of the windows now installed at St James' (Window 19, Window 20, Window 21, Window 26 and Window 27) were originally installed at St. Stephen's church Darebin, which was part of the parish of St. James'. When St. Stephen's closed in 1989, several of the stained glass windows were transferred to the St James' side chapel, which was thereafter called the St Stephen's Chapel.

There was another window created by Napier Waller in St Stephen's Nave (entitled 'St Stephen'), which was given by the Old Boys Association of Ivanhoe Grammar School in memory of their founding headmaster, the Rev. Sidney Buckley. When Ivanhoe Grammar school built a chapel on the school campus in the 1990's. (St Stephen's had previously served as the school chapel until that time), the window was removed to the Ivanhoe Grammar School chapel.

Christian (1895-1956) and Napier (1893-1972) Waller

This married couple were noted artists, working especially in stained glass. They were Ivanhoe residents, living in Crown Road from 1922. Examples of their art are found in churches and public buildings, mainly in Melbourne.

There are 16 windows by Christian and 2 by Napier.

Napier Waller Windows

(The number indicates the window position in the church)

26  St. Luke (1952)

27  Baptism of Jesus (1963)  This window was originally at the west end of St Stephen's behind the font. Alonzo was a brother of Amelia Rose Robbins (ref. Window 2), "Lou" and Grace Smith were staunch members of the St Stephen's congregation from 1927 when S. Stephen's was built.

Window 26

The text:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD ST LUKE IN MEMORY OF NORMAN MACGEORGE ARTIST 1952 LOVED HUSBAND OF MAY Size: 50cm x 170cm

History

Norman MacGeorge a Melbourne painter and critic, was a close friend of Napier Waller and lived in Riverside Road, Ivanhoe, nearby to the Napier Wallers who lived in Crown Road. May MacGeorge was a member of the St. Stephen's
Ladies Guild and occasionally opened her home for fund raising events such as musical afternoons, for the Guild. The window was moved to St James' from St. Stephen's.

Christian Waller Windows

The number indicates the window position in the church

3 Dorcas (1941) 6 Jesus (1943) 10 Faith (1940) 11 Lo I am with you always (1947) 12 St. Agnes (1938) Design c.1939. The design for this window was purchased by the Australian National Gallery, Canberra in 1979. 13 I am the good shepherd Designs for this window, along with Window 14, Window 15, Window 16 and Window 17, c.1940. The designs were given to the Bendigo Art Gallery by Klytie Pate in 1992.

14 I am the light of the world 15 I am the resurrection 16 I am the bread of life (1940) 17 I am the vine 18 St. Cecelia (1939) Design c.1939. The design for this window was purchased by the Warrnambool Art Gallery in 1978. 19 Gabriel 20 Michael 21 Uriel 22 Angel (1943) 23 Angel (1943)

Window 10

FAITH

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD IN LOVING MEMORY OF MINDORA SWIFT THE GIFT OF HER FAMILY. 10.10.1940

Size: 50cm x 145cm History Artist Christian Waller

The Rose window - Designed by Glenn Mack

The large circular window on the Western wall (back wall) marks the centenary of Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. Designed by Glenn Mack (2003). There is an explanatory plaque on the wall beneath.

Photo courtesy Glenn Mack

Other windows at St. James' are by Brooks Robinson,

Montgomery Ferguson and Papas

1 I am the Light of the World (1961 - Brooks Robinson) 2 Come unto Me (c1958 - Brooks Robinson) 4 St Bede (Brooks Robinson) 5 Jesus (Brooks Robinson) 7 Naming of Jesus (c1912 - Montgomery) 8 Faithful unto death (Montgomery) 9 Hope (1949 - Brooks Robinson)

24 Isaiah (1981 - Ferguson and Papas) This window was originally installed at St. Stephens'
Darebin 25 Mary (1949 - Brooks Robinson)
28 Pure in Heart (1956 - Brooks Robinson)

Window 25

The text:

BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANCES HILDA
CHAMBERS ERECTED BY HER HUSBAND
OBIIT 5TH APRIL 1948 Size: 50cm x 170cm
History Brooks Robinson Pty Ltd 21 Nov 1949

Window 8

The text:

Faithful unto Death IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Q.M. SERGT. LEONARD EVERITT KILLED AT THE
DARDENELLE APRIL 25TH 1915 Size: 50cm x
190cm History

Len Everitt was the first member of St James' congregation to be killed in action in World War 1. He died on the first ANZAC day, 25-Apr-1915. Len's name is on the Ivanhoe war memorial in Upper Heidelberg Road.

Artist: Montgomery
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