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A PAIR OF GEORGE V STAINED GLASS CHURCH WINDOWS

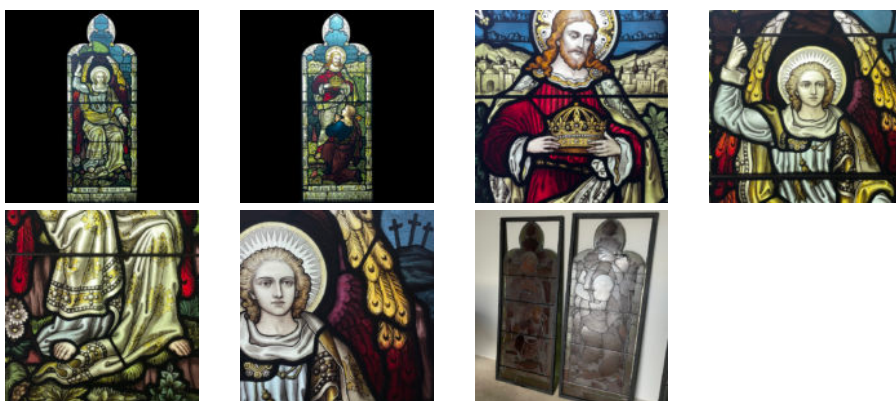
made c.1925, by the Atkinson Bros of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne for the Thornhill Methodist Church of Burn Park Road, Sunderland

each lancet-arched leaded window with an ogee header painted with a New Testament scene, one light depicting "I will give unto thee a Crown of Life", Revelation 2:10, Christ standing and proffering the martyr's crown to a supplicant, the other light depicting, "I am the Light of the World" John 8:12, the angel indicating the Ascension of Christ, both lights with the figures set within an abundant garden within Gothic architectural borders, the original window dedication is given below to the Alder family in 1915 and 1922.

DIMENSIONS: 163cm (64^{3/4}") High, 61cm (24") Wide, 1cm (0^{1/2}") Deep, each window excluding display frame

PRICE: £11,000 the pair

STOCK CODE: 46804



HISTORY

The windows were designed and made by the Atkinson Brothers of 135 New Bridge Road Newcastle Upon Tyne. With the produce of the great glass manufacturers such as Hartley Wood of Sunderland at their disposal the workshop produced some of the most notable stained glass windows in the North East of England.

William, Frederick and Albert Atkinson started their business at New Bridge Street in 1876.

William died in 1890, leaving his two brothers to continue producing church windows into Edwardian times. Many of their most notable commissions were for memorial windows to the fallen after World War One. Frederick died in 1927 and Albert sold the business to Reed Millican in the early 1930s. William Atkinson produced the Snape Memorial window in Newcastle Cathedral, the workshop's windows can also be found in Hexham Abbey and St. George's Church in Shipmate, Gateshead. St. Cuthbert's in Allendale and St. Cuthbert's in Darlington, Stockton Parish Church, Christ Church in Great Ayton, Harrington Church in Cumbria, all have Atkinson Windows as does Holy Trinity Church for its East Window dated 1921. The Beamish Museum has a fabulous Atkinson window on display.



Thornhill Methodist Church, Sunderland,
built c.1902-3

The Thornhill Methodist Church of Burn Park Road, Sunderland was built 1902-1903 by TR Millburn and JE Miller; it later became known as Burn Park Road Methodist Church and has now sold and has been de-consecrated. The Millburns went on to build the Empire Theatre in Sunderland.