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A SPECTACULAR GEORGE V STAINED GLASS EAST WINDOW

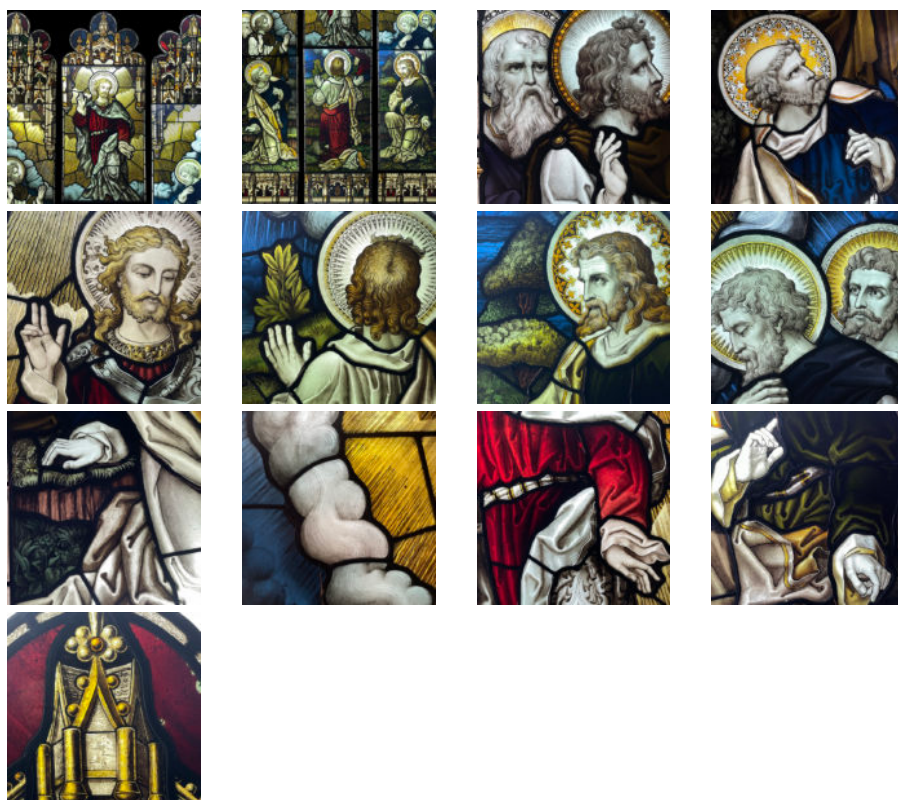
Revelations 1:7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds ... every eye will see him"; made c.1925, by the Atkinson Bros of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne for the Thornhill Methodist Church of Burn Park Road, Sunderland

each of the lancet-arched leaded lights with an ogee header incorporating gothic architectural crestings framing the Risen Christ appearing in a golden sunburst framed with rolling clouds to the seven witnesses - receiving the vision within a verdant landscape -all set within architectural borders, Signed: "*Atkinson Bros. Newcastle Upon Tyne*" in the bottom margin

DIMENSIONS: 330cm (130") High, 220cm (86½") Wide, 3cm (1¼") Deep, the whole window including frame (as displayed): 313h x 71w cm each pane.

PRICE: POA

STOCK CODE: 46806



HISTORY

This window was 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. The window is signed.

This window has been habitually described as depicting “The Ascension”, however the Ascension was witnessed by eleven apostles. The seven witnesses here are more likely personifications of the seven churches of Asia described by John in Revelations 1:7. The scene is Christ appearing in John’s vision.

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.