

10. THE NORTH AISLE: NORTH WALL WINDOWS

We have no way of knowing exactly how many windows were originally on the north side. The outside wall shows that there was a door to the west, a gothic-shaped window in the middle, now blocked, and a trace of a window to the east of the easternmost window. This may have belonged to a side chapel. All that's visible from the inside are the three gothic windows. From the notes on the south-west window (No. 5) it seems that these three windows took their current form between 1790 and 1849, and may not have existed before then.

The two westernmost windows do not appear to have been altered in the 1870s restoration, but the easternmost was given an extra moulding above the arch, terminating on each side with a foliage ball. The same alteration was made to the two gothic windows on the south side. It may be because that window is more exposed to weathering.

The glass in two of the three windows was no doubt raised by Caroline Louisa de Bernière Pott of Goodrich House, as that on the west end is dedicated to her wealthy clerical father, Samuel Harvey Gem, who died there in October 1926 aged 90. The window features St Dubricius, to whom Whitchurch church is dedicated, and St Columba.



The central window on the north wall is dedicated to Caroline Pott's husband, John Arthur Pott, a translator and editor of classical authors such as Martial. He died at Goodrich House in 1920 and Caroline died in 1942 at Ganarew House. There is a Pott armorial at the bottom. These windows and the east window on the south wall are by Powell & Sons. The Pott window features King Arthur and Sir Galahad in their pseudo-medieval Christian form with, presumably, the Holy Grail in the small panel above.



The eastern window on the north wall is dedicated to Lieut. Col. Basil Jackson of the Royal Staff Corps. He had served on the Quartermaster's staff at Waterloo and had been one of those despatched to St Helena to supervise Napoleon's imprisonment, though he left before Napoleon died. Later he was professor of military surveying at the East India Company's Military College at Addiscombe, Surrey. Having lived at Glewstone Court for 16 years, he moved to Hillsborough in Ross, where he died in 1889 aged 94. He is buried in the churchyard.

The window shows St George and St Paul. The design of the window pays homage to the turrets and canopies in the old glass in the large adjacent window in the east wall.

