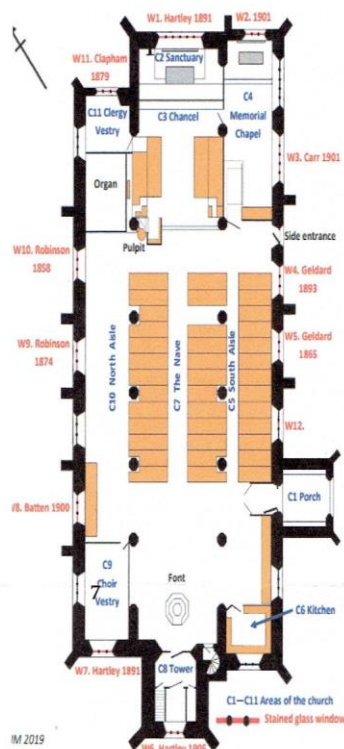


Further details concerning the donors for each family – Batten, Carr, Clapham, Dawson, Geldard, Hartley and Robinson are to be found as separate items.

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Stained Glass Windows in St Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick.



Members of the Settle and District U3A Family History Group took on the task of researching the people the stained glass windows in St Alkelda's Church were dedicated to and the people who donated them.

After many hours research, we have collected our findings together for the display in the Memorial Chapel.

The 11 windows are memorials to:-

The Hartley family of Catterall Hall, 1, 6, 7

Three windows, two donated by three spinster sisters who moved to live in Stratford-upon-Avon, but remembered their family and home parish. George Dudgeon, born in Scotland orphaned as a child, who had to change his name in order to marry into the Hartley Family.

William Carr, 3 Surgeon, Magistrate, Landowner, from a branch of the family who moved away to find fortune in another part of Yorkshire and then Norfolk. **Window 3**, commissioned in 1900, to commemorate his ancestors and his connection to the parish. Obviously very important to him, as it is referred to on his memorial in Norfolk.

Rev. John Clapham, an unusual and awkward character, Vicar for 56yrs. **Window 11** purchased by his good friend Alice Atkinson, perhaps in recognition of his long service.

Window 8 In memory of his wife **Annie Batten** by her husband John. Daughter of one of the most prominent farming families in Settle, the Hargraves. John and family from Rochester, Kent. Intriguing to think how they met in the first place.

Windows 9 and 10 The Robinson Family. Dedicated to Jane, nee Peart, by her husband William and their sons William and John. The sons then donated another window to their father. William Snr born Chatburn, Lancashire, studied law and moved to Settle. Both sons studied at Oxford Uni., William went on to be a solicitor. John went into the church. The family seem to have had significant private means to invest in the latest schemes for railways, hospitals and schools. However, money isn't everything and John suffered ill health much of his life. For reasons not yet discovered, William died in Manchester Royal Hospital for the Insane.

Window 2 The Dawson Family, owners of property and land including Langeliffe Hall, Marshfield and Hornby Castle. On New Year's Eve, Pudsey Dawson Esq., annually invited his work people, the Hornby Ringers and a select party, to enjoy his hospitality at Hornby Castle. Read the report in the Lancaster Gazette, dated 4 January 1851.

Windows 4, 5 The Geldard Family lived a privileged lifestyle, sometimes at least 8 servants. The males were the beneficiaries of a good education, Giggleswick Sch. and Universities, gaining qualifications in Law and Mathematics. The girls educated at home. Clearly a highly respected and successful family in the area. Generous to St Alkelda's Church with the gift of these two beautiful stained glass windows.