

St Mary's Church, Denver

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General Information

The church was originally built in the 13th Century out of carstone. It underwent an extensive restoration in the 1870s which inevitably led to many of its medieval features being removed. All the stained glass dates from the late 19th / early 20th centuries with the majority being made by Ian Pace (1846 – 1928) a former pupil of Clayton & Bell.

Chancel North, Window 1

This c1903 window, designed by Heaton Butler & Bayne, was made in memory of Benjamin and Marian Mitchell in colours very typical of the period.

All Other Windows

The remaining windows in the church are all believed to have been designed by Ian Pace as follows :

- **East window** : Designed c 1884 shows a Nativity scene with shepherds and the Kings adoring Christ.
- **Chancel South 1** : Designed c 1857, the window depicts the Annunciation. It is dedicated to the memory of George Wood & his wife Marian.
- **Chancel South 2** : Designed c 1897, the window celebrates 60 years of Queen Victoria's reign. Above the Virgin Mary a banner declares "My soul doth magnify the lord" whilst her companion declares "Blessed are thou amongst women"
- **Chancel South 3** : Designed c 1904 in memory of George and Charles Wood the window shows Christ being presented in the Temple.
- **Chancel South 4** : Designed c 1899 the upper part of the window shows a scene from the Sermon on the Mount as Christ declares "Blessed are the Pure in Heart." Below we see Christ "astonishing" the Elders with his understanding.
- **North Nave 4** : Designed c 1904 the window, depicting Christ as "Light of the World," celebrates the memory of Thomas Read.
- **West Window** : This 1897 window shows Christ as king