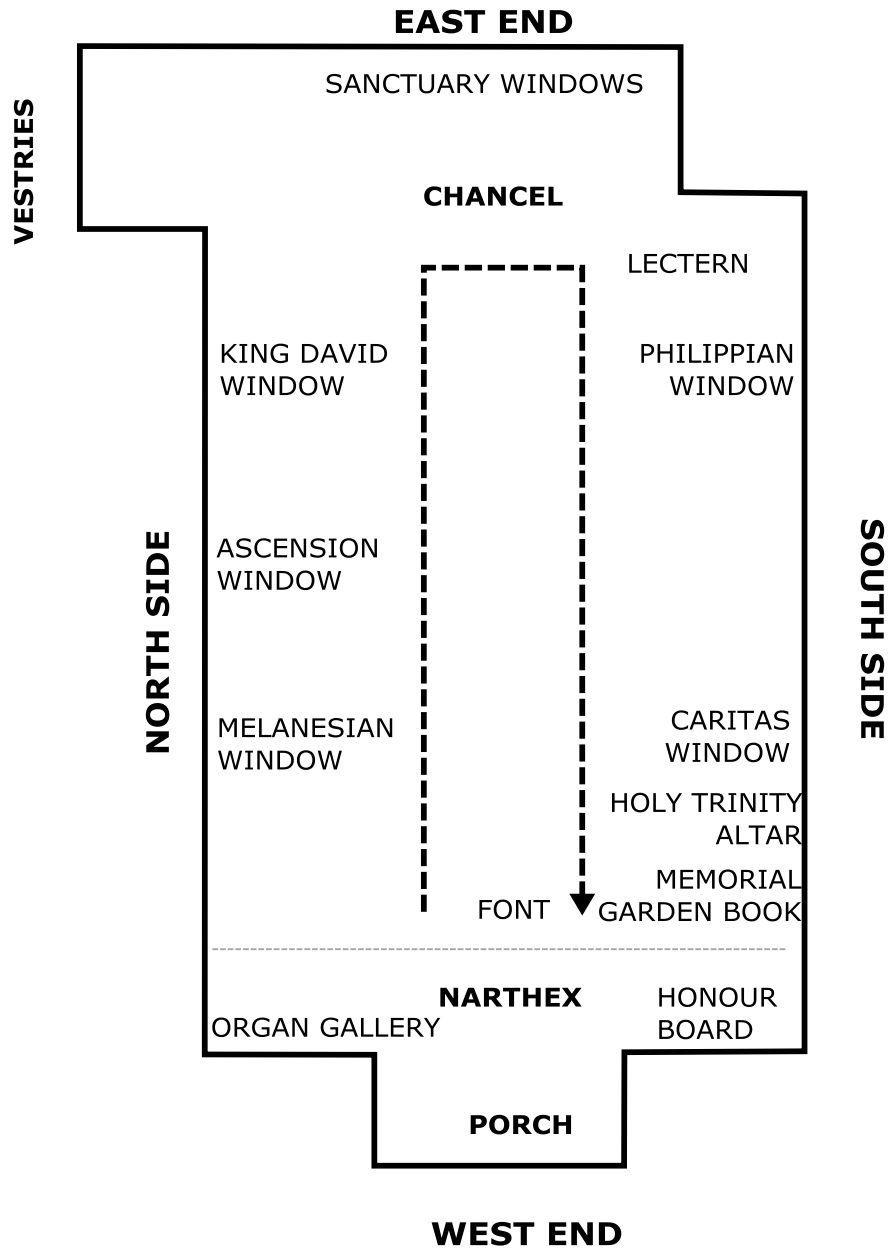


A walk around All Saints

Welcome to All Saints, the oldest intact church in Northcote. Worship has taken place here since August 1860. If you are visiting, please sign the Visitor's Book in the narthex.

Everything in this building was given by someone and has been faithfully cared for, cleaned or polished by others. Many things were specifically made, blessed and dedicated in honour of people who were loved and that honour continues even if their names have now been forgotten or were never recorded. As changes have taken place, if anything had to be removed this has been done carefully and with reverence, acknowledging the importance of gifts made to beautify or sustain the church.





NORTH SIDE

The Melanesian window 1937

In 1913 the Rev'd Charlie Sage was drowned at sea while engaged in his work 'in the Melanesia mission'. Members of the Sage family donated this window in memory of their parents, who were proud of their son's mission work. The window depicts Jesus sitting with an open copy of the Scriptures, with three Melanesian children. In the background is a depiction of the front of the church where Charlie Sage had ministered, and the memorial cross which was made in his memory and placed in front of the church. The window was dedicated in March 1937 to the memory of Harriet and Alfred Sage, who had died in the previous two years.

The Ascension window 1925

This window was given by Mrs Marshall and family 'to perpetuate the memory of the late Councillor W.E. Marshall of Collingwood, who was for many years connected with All Saints...the work [was] entrusted to Mr W. Montgomery' and was unveiled by the Vicar on All Saints Day, 1 November 1925. The Vicar wrote: 'It depicts the Ascension of our Lord, who, after he had completed the work of our redemption, returned to the glory and took up the work of intercession for us.'

The King David window 1954

This window was given by Mrs H. Langdon, of Melbourne, as a tribute to Miss Eirene Le Huray, who was the organist at the time. It depicts David playing the harp, with the text 'Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs'. At the time Miss Le Huray had played the organ at every service for 32 years, except when on annual holiday. The window is located above where the organ was.



This picture from 1949 shows where the organ was before removal to its present position in the gallery (and before the King David window was in place):



EAST END – CHANCEL AND CHOIR

Chancel

In 1910 the wooden Chancel burned down and everything in it was lost. It was rebuilt, then eventually replaced by the present bluestone Chancel and brick vestries. A plaque commemorates the dedication of these parts of the church by Archbishop Arnott in 1965.

Choir

The two stalls are what remains of a double set of choir stalls, removed along with the pulpit in 1989 to make the Sanctuary more open. All Saints still has a choir which convenes for festivals and special occasions. Sometimes the choir is seated in this area and sometimes they sing from the North end, near the piano and organ, under the direction of the organist and choirmaster.

Sanctuary windows 1924

These windows were the gift of Mr and Mrs Broom in 1924, in memory of Harry Broom, J.P. The windows represent 'Christ, the Good Shepherd, with a lamb in his arms, Christ blessing the children of all races and colours, and Christ, the Light of the World. The windows have a message for all time,' wrote the Vicar in January 1925, 'reminding worshippers that Christ...is willing to receive all who come to Him whatever their nationality, or colour, or circumstances, or condition. The design is artistic, and the work excellent – reflecting great credit on the artist Mr W.W. Montgomery and his workmen.'



Altar and communion rails

The building of this altar and rails was commissioned and paid for by special subscription by parishioners as a memorial for the Rev'd Alfred Kellaway, Vicar for thirty years from 1901. They were 'built by Messrs Thear and Son, under the supervision of Mr Louis Williams, architect,' and dedicated by the Archbishop in March 1933.

Book stand, alms dish, ciborium and lavabo set

The book stand was the gift of Mr Justice Lowe in March 1933 in memory of his parents, who had been parishioners of All Saints. The brass alms dish was presented to the church by the Mothers' Union in 1934 'in memory of Mrs Creed'. It is inscribed. 'God loveth a cheerful giver'. More recent gifts include a ciborium (wafer container) given in memory of David Jones by his wife Audrey, and vessels for handwashing during the Eucharist given by parishioners in gratitude for many years of service by Betty Reay, current Church Warden.

SOUTH SIDE

Lectern, Bible and hymn board

The lectern was a gift from Colonel Hall in 1914, in memory of his wife Elizabeth, who died in 1911. He also donated 'a lamp erected outside the church'. The Bible is the gift of Elaine Black in memory of her husband Robert, a long-time parishioner and servant of All Saints. The hymn board is made of 'Queensland maple and walnut' and it is still in use after 60 years. It was the gift of Miss Challen in 1949.

The Philippian window 1968

This window depicts the story of the Philippian jailer who cried to the imprisoned St Paul, 'What must I do to be saved?' and Paul's reply 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved and your household.' It was given in memory of Walter Marshall, Warden for 40 years at All Saints, by his wife. The Vicar wrote: 'The window was designed, fabricated and erected by Messrs Ferguson and Papas, and will be a lasting monument to the artistic skill of these men...All who have seen the window are unanimous that it is very beautiful and extremely well made.'

Memorial to Annie Carrick Kellaway 1926

This tablet was placed there in 1926 by parishioners two years after the death of Mrs Kellaway, wife of the Vicar, as a gift to him on his return from a holiday of some months. Mrs Kellaway had been the superintendent of the Sunday School for many years and was said to have been a woman of exemplary character, 'trained in Christian work and influencing many lives'.



The Caritas window

Like the lectern, this window was given in memory of Elizabeth who died in 1911, wife of W. Henry Hall. It depicts one of the Virtues, Caritas (Charity or Love) as the figure of a caring mother. The date of its dedication is not recorded. It is signed 'W. Montgomery, Melbourne'.

Former Holy Trinity altar

Now used as a place for the lighting of votive candles and private prayer, this former altar came to All Saints when Holy Trinity Thornbury was closed as an Anglican church and sold to the Lebanese Orthodox community. The Holy Trinity congregation also brought with them some communion vessels and other objects which are used regularly at All Saints.

Memorial Book and Stand

The book records the names of those whose ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden established in 1995 on the south side of the church. The garden, book and stand were given by Joan Harvey and Lynne Ivan in memory of their mother, Ida Evans.

WEST END – GALLERY, NARTHEX AND PORCH

The font

The font was originally in the porch, but was moved in 1933 to the south side near where the lectern stands now, and moved again to its present position in 2003.

The William Anderson pipe organ

Now located in the gallery (not accessible to visitors) the organ is classified by the National Trust as the earliest documented organ built by the nineteenth century organ builder William Anderson. Originally sited at the Prahran Town Hall it was installed at All Saints in 1883. It retains its original mechanisms, wind system and pipework and is still played at all services.

The Honour Board

The central panel records the names of All Saints people who served in the First World War, with stars indicating those who gave their lives. Two sons of the Vicar served in Egypt and France, one of them dying at Passchendael. Seventy charming and moving letters from Lt Frank Kellaway to his parents at the vicarage form part of the collection of the National War Museum in Canberra. A new Australian flag was donated by the Mothers' Union and dedicated in 1934 to his memory. Two panels were later added to the Board to record names for the Second World War.



Bell tower

A bell tower was added to the porch in 1942 as a gift from Walter Marshall in memory of his mother. It was dedicated with Mr Marshall tolling the bell for the first time. By 1966 the tower was dismantled for safety reasons and the bell was re-hung at the North-east corner of the church. It still calls parishioners to services every Sunday. The All Saints bell was rung for action on climate change during the Copenhagen conference, following a movement begun by European churches.

The All Saints peppercorns

Now 60 years old the peppercorn trees were planted in April 1949, given by parishioners as part of a project to beautify the grounds.

New banners in 2010

The current community plans to have a new set of new banners designed and made to be used to mark the seasons of the church year, as our contribution to the furnishing of the church.

J.M. Smith Trust

Major maintenance work has been undertaken on the roof of the church, but the interior stands in need of repair and refurbishment. Thanks to the generosity of the J.M. Smith Trust, All Saints has funding to commission a conservation strategy based on a detailed condition survey. Any repainting or other interior work will then be undertaken as part of a plan. The All Saints vicarage is currently undergoing renovation, also with substantial support of the J.M. Smith Trust and drawing on funds contributed by parishioners and other members of the community.



Bountiful God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship here, and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The cost of maintaining this beautiful place is very high. If you would like to help with the cost of its maintenance and repair or make a memorial gift, your donation would be very welcome

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