

A view to the future

The Coats of Arms Window (1)

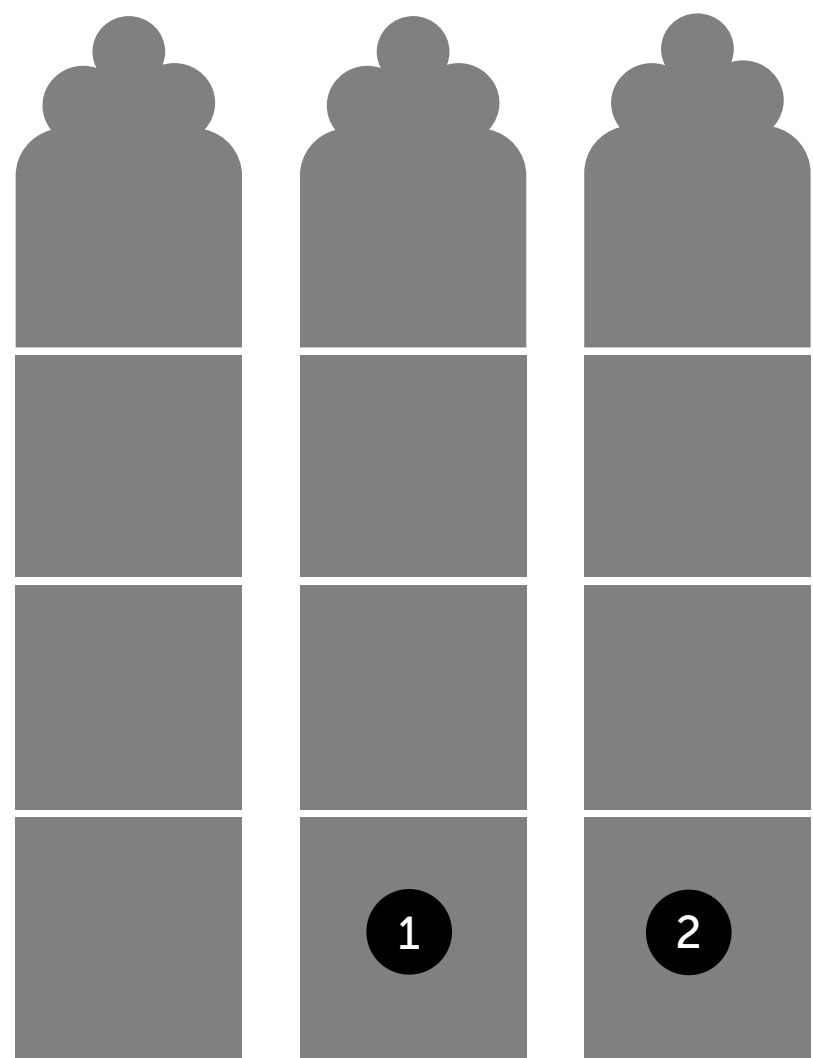
Two of the shields in this window relate to people in anchoress Emma Roughton's visions. She lived a life of prayer away from the ordinary world, in a small building attached to this church, during the 1420s and 1430s.

What did she see?

Emma Roughton predicted the birth of King Henry V's son and even Henry's own death. She said Richard Beauchamp, the Earl of Warwick, would become guardian to the unborn Henry VI. In 1421, when Emma had her visions, Henry V and his pregnant wife were in York. Henry died unexpectedly the next year.

How do we know?

Emma Roughton's visions are the best documented in English history. They are in *The Pageants of Earl of Warwick* and *The Rous Roll*. Her visions came true.



The shields were originally in the East Window of the Lady Chapel.

1. The Royal Arms, with the lions of England and the fleurs-de-lys of France, represent Henry V.
2. Six golden pears on a shield - the Beauchamp family's alternative set of arms.



Saints and archbishops

The St Thomas Window (Window 2)

William Vesey left money to All Saints in his will in 1407 for the chapel of St Thomas the Martyr (Thomas Becket). This is the chapel's window.

Notice how well the light-coloured glass of the 1400s lets light in.

Who was Thomas Becket?

He was the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was murdered in his cathedral in 1170 and was declared a Saint three years later. Thomas Becket was a very popular Saint in the early 1400s.

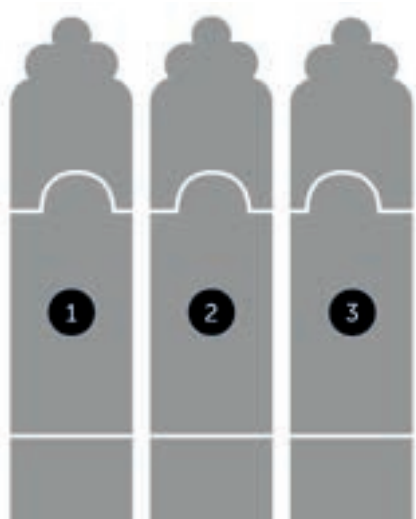
Is he in the window?

The only Thomas here is St Thomas the Apostle ('doubting Thomas'). Where Thomas Becket should be is St William of York who was moved from another window in the 1970s. Henry VIII had all images of Thomas Becket destroyed in 1538.



Did you know...?

Red could not be painted onto clear glass in the 1400s. So Christ's wounds are black and white here.



1. St Thomas the Apostle
2. Jesus Christ showing his wounds to St Thomas the Apostle. Thomas refused to believe Jesus had risen until he saw and touched him.
3. St William of York died in 1154, poisoned while celebrating Mass in York Minster.

