

# Good deeds

## The Corporal Acts of Mercy Window (Window 3)

This glass was made as a memorial to **Nicholas Blackburn** in around 1410. It shows six of the seven corporal (or bodily) acts of mercy.

The glass was originally in the two-light window next to the north door. The glass around the main panels is from the 1800s.

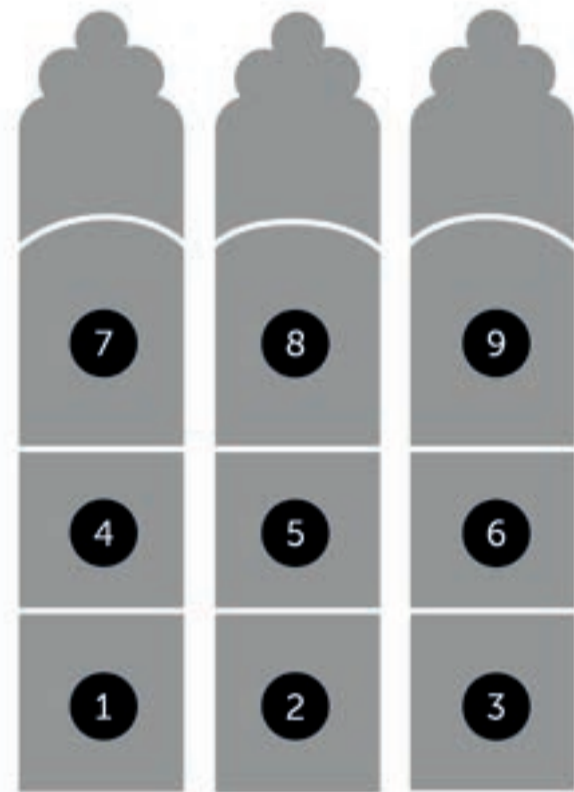
### *Where is the seventh act?*

The whole window is a memorial. It represents the seventh act. In its original location the window had an image of Nicholas Blackburn in it, and a shield with the letter B on it. What you see in the bottom row of the window today was originally in another window.

### *Who was Nicholas Blackburn?*

Nicholas was a merchant trader and head of the Blackburn family. His son and grandson appear in the foot of the Great East Window (6).

*What meaning do you find in its pictures?*



1. Kneeling Donor
2. The Heavens
3. Kneeling Donor
4. Clothing the naked
5. Visiting the sick
6. Bringing relief to those in prison
7. A good man gives food to the hungry
8. Giving drink to the thirsty
9. Feeding the hungry



# All human life

## The Corporal Acts of Mercy Window (3)

There is amazing detail in every panel of this window. It gives us an insight into everyday life in the 1400s.

*What can you find if you look closely?*

### *How did they live?*

We get a rare glimpse into a merchant's bedchamber in the 'visiting the sick' panel. We can see the sort of furniture they had in the 1400s. In the 'giving drink to the thirsty' panel, the beggar holds his official begging bowl which was his licence to beg. Without it he would be locked up or thrown out of the parish.



Giving drink to the thirsty

### *Who's singing in the window?*

The kneeling, singing figure in the bottom left is probably Reginald Bawtrie, from a lost window he donated. He is singing from the Litany of Saints. The page of the book is open at St Cecilia, the patron saint of music. Cecilia was also his wife's name.



Kneeling Donor

**Look for...** the prisoners in the stocks. Can you see the chains around their ankles, necks and wrists to hold them there?

