

Wealth in a window

The Great East Window (6)

The Blackburn family paid for this window. They also feature in it. Their contribution to the church showed their wealth and their religious faith.



They also donated the Corporal Acts of Mercy Window (3) in memory of their grandfather and father. You can see it in the Lady Chapel, to your left and slightly behind you as you stand looking at the Great East Window.

Which Blackburns can we see here?

Nicholas Blackburn Senior is kneeling on the right. His wife Margaret is beside him. They had at least five children. Their second son is kneeling on the left with his wife. They were also called Nicholas and Margaret!

Who were the Blackburns?

They were one of the leading families in York in the 1400s. Their wills show that they were very successful merchant traders in cloth and textiles (mercers). All Saints was the church of the mercers' guild. Nicholas Senior became Lord Mayor of York in 1413, and his son took the position in 1429.



Who's in the window?

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Each of the main figures is a saint.
The smaller panel in the middle contains
an image of the Holy Trinity (God the
Father, his son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit).
The kneeling figures are the donors,
the Blackburns.

Explore the Saints and their stories

1. Margaret Blackburn wife of Nicholas Senior
2. Our Lady and her mother St. Anne read from Psalm 142
3. Margaret wife of Nicholas Senior reads from Psalm 50
4. St. John the Baptist.
5. St. Anne, she is teaching her daughter the Virgin Mary
6. St. Christopher carries the child Jesus on his shoulders

