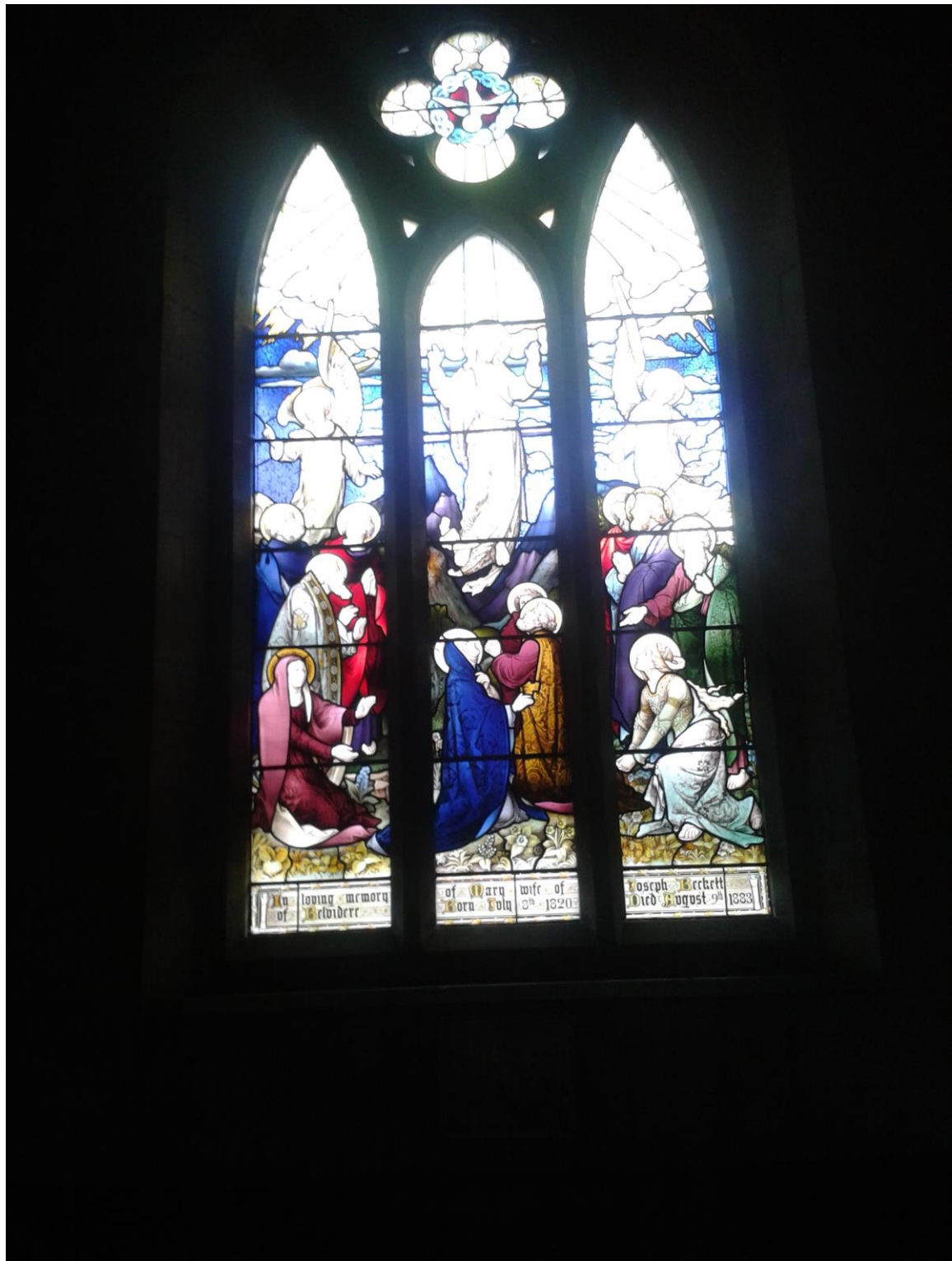


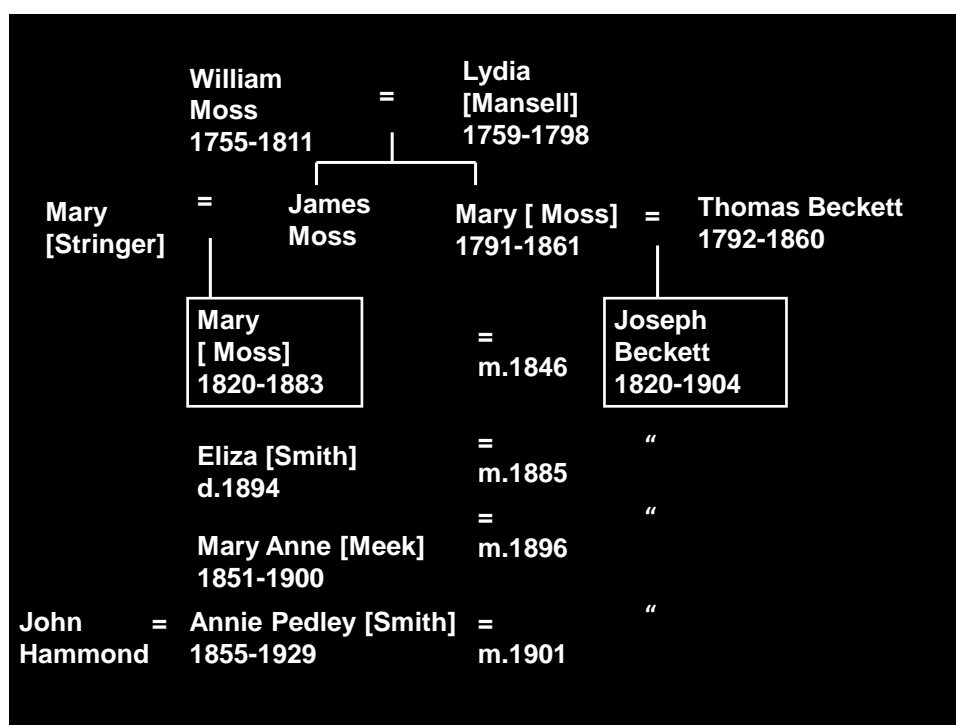
***St. John's Stained Glass
Window Dedications***



North Transept Window 'In loving memory of Mary wife of Joseph Beckett of Belvidere born July 8th 1820 died August 9th 1883'

St. John's Window Dedications

On the north transept window is a dedication to **Mary Beckett** (*née* Moss), the wife of **Joseph Beckett** (1820-1904). The inscription tells us that Mary was born on July 8th 1820. Research reveals that her birth was in Wrenbury, that she and Joseph married on 19th May 1846 in Great Boughton, Chester, and that Joseph was born in Marbury. Joseph's father was Thomas (1792-1860), a farmer. Joseph's mother was named Mary Moss (1791-1861) the same as his wife, and was the daughter of William Moss (1755-1811) and Lydia Mansell (1759-98) of Newhall, Cheshire. Joseph Beckett's wife Mary Moss was the daughter of his mother's brother, farmer James Moss and his wife Mary (*née* Stringer) of Moor Hall, Dodd's Lane, Newhall, Aston, Cheshire, making Joseph and Mary first cousins.



The 1851 Census (shown below) records Joseph's occupation as 'drapery and silk mercer' with he and Mary living in their shop in Bridge Street Row in Chester, sharing it with Joseph's brother, draper's assistant Thomas, 22, 15 "live in" shop staff and servants, and Joseph and Thomas's 59 year-old mother Mary, whom we can hopefully assume to have been visiting rather than in permanent residence on 30th March, as her husband Thomas did not die for another 9 years. Joseph and his wife Mary later moved away from the shop, first to Hough Green, then to 'Belvidere' (now Wicksted Hall) at Wirswall, where, in 1881 they had a cook, a kitchen maid and a groom living in. Joseph and Mary had no children, and Mary died on August 9th

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Parish or Township of <i>H. Michael</i>		Borough or District of <i>Chester</i>		County of <i>Cheshire</i>		Where Born		Whether Born in England, Ireland, or Scotland
Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1881	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Born in England, Ireland, or Scotland	
65 <i>Bridge St. New</i>	<i>Joseph Beckett</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Proprietor</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Mary Beckett</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>Do. Marbury</i>		
	<i>Thomas Beckett</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>Do. Marbury</i>		
	<i>Mary Beckett</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Farmer's Wife</i>	<i>Do. Marbury</i>		
	<i>John Harrison</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Charlotte New</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Ella Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Rich^d. Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Samuel Barker</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>William T. Barker</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>William David</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Charles H. New</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Henry Shewther</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>John Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>James Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
<i>f</i>	<i>George Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>House Servant</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Mary Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>Barbara Brown</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Nursewoman</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>William Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
	<i>James Harrison</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Widmore Marbury</i>		
Total	Total of Persons			<i>14</i>	<i>8</i>			

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Joseph was re-married in 1885, to a lady named Eliza Smith from Haslingden in Lancashire (where they were wed). They lived together in 'Belvidere' with a butler, valet, cook, waitress, housemaid and a kitchen maid until her hometown of Haslingden).

Eliza died in 1894 (back in her hometown of Haslingden).

Joseph married a third wife, 45 year-old spinster Mary Anne Meek on April 25th 1896 at St. Andrew's Church, Islington, London. Mary Anne, whose father was a mercer (deceased) named Joseph Meek, died in 1900. In the 1901 Census Joseph is recorded as having two female cousins (spinsters Mary Moss, 87, b. Marbury and Mary Beckett Moss, 17, b. USA) and his

sister-in-law, widow Martha Lee (72), in addition to his staff to look after him in his old age. In 1901, after the Census date, at 81, Joseph was married a fourth time, to an Annie Pedley Smith (1855-1929), in Holborn, London.

Annie was the 46 year-old daughter of Robert Thursfield Smith (the son of William Smith who is commemorated on the South Transept window - see below). After 1901 Joseph and Annie moved to 'Newstead' at Colwyn Bay and Joseph died there on 31st December 1904, aged about 84. He left £39,375:19/3d (equivalent to about £4.6m!). Probate was awarded to William Henry Smith, ironfounder (his fourth wife's brother - see below) and Joseph Herbert Meek, solicitor (a relative of Joseph's third wife).

Anne Pedley Beckett went on to marry a John Hammond in 1908 in the Conway Registration District (which includes Colwyn Bay). That this was the same Annie is proved by the probate record for Anne Pedley Hammond, who was recorded as a widow of 'Owendale', Alexandra Rd. Colwyn Bay, who died on 12th August 1929 leaving £8,397:6/6d, with probate being granted to William Henry Smith - iron founder (1853-1940 - Anne's older brother) and to Robert Thursfield Smith (Jnr.) - timber merchant - her younger brother (1867-1942) - see below regarding both brothers' records in the 1871 Census. To even further support the link, Robert Thursfield Smith Jnr. also named his own daughter Annie Pedley (1893-1971).

On the South Transept window, with its depiction of the Bible story in Luke Chapter 18 of Jesus rebuking his disciples for preventing children coming to him, **Joseph Savage** and **William Smith** are remembered.



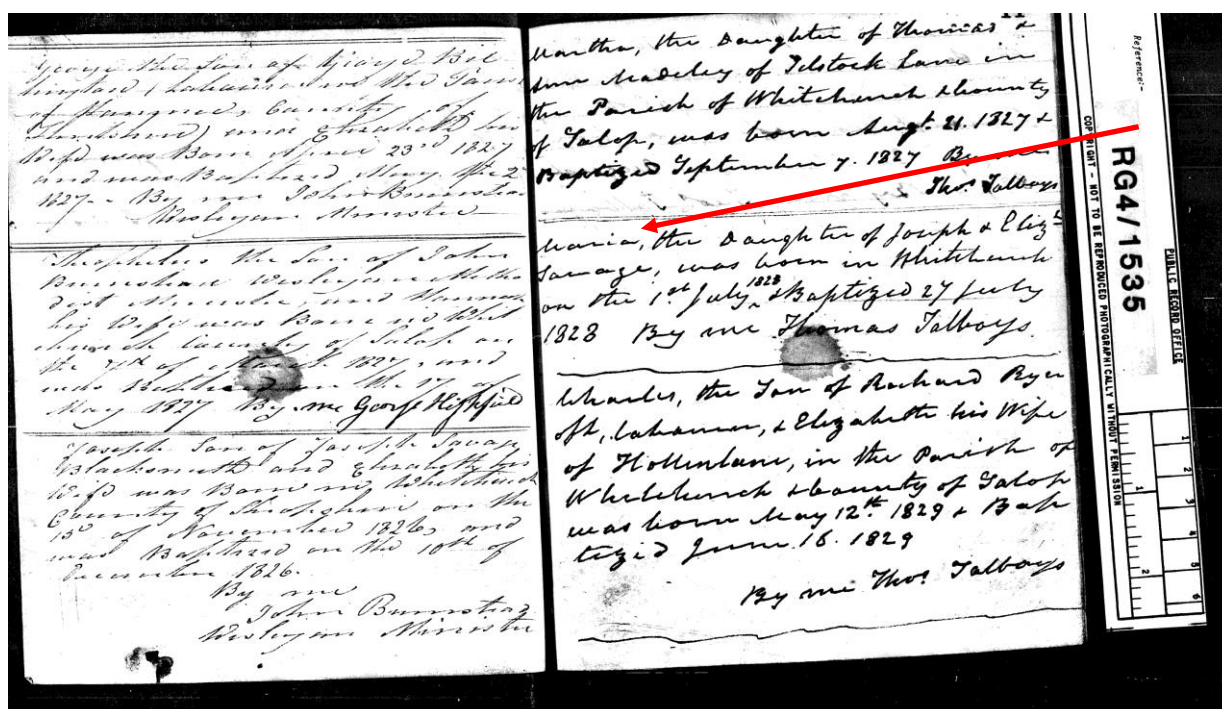
South Transept Window 'Suffer little children.....'

Joseph Savage (1792-1870) was a Methodist Local Preacher, who opened a foundry in Whitchurch in 1837, and in the 1841 Census (see below) he is recorded as a blacksmith living in Green End, Whitchurch with his wife

City or Borough of		Parish or Township of		Enumeration Schedule	
Whitchurch		Whitchurch		30	
PLACE	HOUSES Number of Inhabited Total	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE and SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS	Where Born in same County or Foreign
Green End		James Whitfield	11	Pupils	M.
		Frank Butterworth	14	d.	M.
		John Lane	11	d.	M.
		John Paken	12	d.	M.
		Henry Vaughan	14	d.	M.
		Richard Blanton	13	d.	M.
		Thomas M. Cox	11	d.	M.
		John Dawson	13	d.	M.
		Peter d.	12	d.	M.
		John Bird	12	d.	M.
		Henry d.	10	d.	M.
		Thomas Griffiths	12	d.	M.
		Richard Jackson	10	d.	M.
		William Banton	14	d.	M.
		Thomas Beckett	12	d.	M.
		Joseph Lea	10	d.	M.
		James d.	8	d.	M.
		Wingfield Mier	8	d.	M.
		John Banton	9	d.	M.
		John Jones	9	d.	M.
		Elizabeth Colham	9	d.	M.
		Ellen d.	6	d.	M.
		John d.	3	d.	M.
		William Hunt	30	Ind	M.
		Penelope d.	20		M.
TOTAL in 2		23 2			
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Green End		Thomas Hunt	50	A. G. ✓	M.
		Mary Prince	40	F. S. ✓	M.
		Mary Gaffer	20	B.	M.
d.		John Williams	32	Lawyer	M.
		Ann d.	38		M.
d.		Joseph Savage	48	B. Smith	M.
		Elizabeth d.	48		M.
		Thomas d.	21		M.
		Elizabeth d.	19		M.
		Joseph d.	14		M.
		Maria d.	12		M.
		Martha d.	10		M.
		Sarah d.	8		M.
d.		William Jones	27	Lab.	M.
		Ann d.	35		M.
		Elizabeth d.	5		M.
d.		John Guest	26	Plasterer	M.
		Frances d.	26		M.
		Catherine d.	3		M.
		Elizabeth d.	1		M.
d.		Elizabeth Taylor	38	Widow	M.
		George d.	25	Sutler	M.
		Thomas d.	14		M.
d.		John Bradshaw	39	Lab.	M.
		Mary d.	48		M.
TOTAL in 2		10 15			
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Elizabeth (both recorded as aged 48 and born outside Shropshire), and their children Thomas (21), Elizabeth (19), Joseph Jnr. (14), Maria (12), Martha (10) and Sarah (8). Joseph was born in Wrenbury to parents Thomas and Elizabeth, and by 1851 he was a widower and 'blacksmith employing 2 men' living in Green End with his daughter Ann (a 24 year-old lace bonnet maker), his 24 year-old son Joseph Jnr. (a blacksmith), his daughter Sarah (a dressmaker aged 18) and his 29-year-old daughter Elizabeth, who worked as their housekeeper.

On 7th April 1861 Joseph Savage was still living in Green End, Whitchurch, aged 68, with his unmarried son, blacksmith Joseph (34), and his spinster daughter Maria (32) who was working as their housekeeper. Maria's baptism is recorded as having been performed by Thomas Talboys on 27th July 1828 in Whitchurch in a Wesleyan ceremony (see below), almost certainly in what is now the Whitchurch Heritage Centre in St. Mary's Street when it was a Methodist Church (1810-79).



The text on the right-hand page reads “Maria, the daughter of Joseph & Elizth Savage, was born in Whitchurch on the 1st July 1828 & baptized 27 July 1828 by me Thomas Talboys”. The Savage’s daughter Elizabeth, their housekeeper in 1851, was no longer at home as she had married carpenter and joiner John Arrowsmith of Whitchurch in 1853 and was living in Tunstall by 1861.

After Joseph’s death in 1870, Joseph Jnr. and his sister Maria remained in Green End together until Joseph died in 1875 and Maria got married (aged 47) to coal merchant William Penkerman in Whitchurch in 1878.

William Smith (1798-1879) was born in Whitchurch and built the town gasworks. In 1841 ‘builder and iron founder’ William and his wife Margaret Annie (née Thursfield) lived in Dodington, Whitchurch with their sons Robert Thursfield (14) and James (5). Margaret’s parents were James Thomas Thursfield and Anne Pedley Hill. In 1851 William lived in Dodington Street with his wife Margaret (52), son Robert (24 - and working as the Assistant Manager and Clerk in the foundry), and son James (16) – see below the Census showing William Smith ‘iron and brass founder employing 23 men’ and his family:

In the Census of 1861 Robert T(*hursfield*) Smith, aged 33, ‘engineer smith iron founder Local Preacher Methodist employing 42 men’, his wife Sarah Smith (*née* Savage – daughter of Joseph Savage mentioned above) aged 28, children William H(*enry*) Smith, 7, Ann P(*edley*) Smith, 6 (future wife of Joseph Beckett), Elizabeth H(*emmingsley*) Smith, 4, Sarah A Smith, 2, Martha J(*ane*) Smith, 7 months old, plus widower father ‘retired builder and iron founder’ William Smith, 62, housekeeper and sister-in-law Martha Savage (another daughter of Joseph Savage), 31, servant Eliza Thomas, 21, and ‘engine smith apprentice’ Lucas Nash, 20, were all living in Dodington Street, Whitchurch.

Martha Jane died in 1868 and is the only child of Robert and Sarah commemorated on their gravestone (see below).



The inscription reads: "Sarah the wife of Robert Thursfield Smith Born August 5th 1832 Died September 24th 1894 'She hath done what she could' Mark 14:8. Also of Robert Thursfield Smith Born July 6th 1827 Died March 12th 1907 'After he had served his generation by the will of God he fell on sleep' (Acts 13:36) Also of Martha Jane fourth daughter of the above Born August 26th 1860 Died December 8th 1868"

William Smith re-married in 1866 and the 1871 Census records William (72) 'retired iron founder and proprietor of houses' living at 20 Dodington with his wife 'land and houses owner' Ann Smith (68) and their servant Margaret Taylor (23, b. Malpas).

In 1871, William's son Robert Thursfield Smith (43) 'Iron founder and civil engineer employing 60 men timber merchant and Local Methodist Preacher' was living near his father at 13 Dodington St. with his wife Sarah (*née* Savage) aged 38, plus children William (Henry) (17), Robert (Thursfield) Jnr. (3), Ann (16), Elizabeth (14), Sarah (12), Ada (8), Laura M (7), and Alice M (5), plus servants (sister-in-law) Martha Savage (41) and Sarah Green (28 b. Marbury). Martha Savage died in 1875, the same year as her brother Joseph (Jnr), the blacksmith. William Smith himself died the year St. John's was completed in 1879.

On 3rd April 1881 (Census Day) Robert Thursfield Smith (employing 70 men and boys) was living on Tarporley Rd with his wife Sarah, daughters Elizabeth Hemmingsley Smith (24), Ada Maria Smith (18), Laura Emily Smith (14) and apprentice Henry Holford Ison (20) from Leicester, and servant Emma Reeves (26, b. Whitchurch).

At the time of the 1891 Census – living at 'Highfield' Tarporley Rd were timber merchant Robert T Smith, 63, his wife Sarah Smith, 58, daughters Ann P Smith, 36, Laura E Smith, 27, Alice M Smith, 25, and servant Beatrice A Davies, 18, b. Liverpool.

In 1901 – still living at 'Highfield' were widower (his wife Sarah died in 1894) retired iron founder Robert T Smith 73, daughter Ann Pedley Smith, 46 (soon to be married to 81-year-old Joseph Beckett – see above), Ada Maria Smith, 38, Alice Mary Smith, 35, cook Martha Moulton, 27 (b. Nantwich) and housemaid Lily Challinor, 20 b. Whitchurch. Robert died in 1907 in Whitchurch, and at some time in his life donated the cross now in the Guild Room at St. John's.

It is believed that Sarah (*née* Savage), the wife of Robert Thursfield Smith, and her eldest son William Henry Smith paid for the East Transept window. Sarah organised fundraising for the old Wesleyan Chapel and, with her husband, for the building of St. John's. The bazaar she organised ran for 4

days and raised over £1000 for St. John's building costs! She also raised funds for the Mission Hall in Yardington, which opened the year she died in 1894. Sarah has been recorded as Mary Thursfield Smith in some histories of St. John's Church, but Robert Thursfield Smith's wife appeared as Sarah in every Census and on her gravestone, and there is no evidence that she was known as Mary rather than Sarah. Also, Robert's surname was not hyphenated or double barrelled – Thursfield was his middle name.

In the windows above the altar the names of three Local Preachers are recorded:

Joseph Walford (1793-1849). Joseph was the son of William and Mary Walford, and was baptised on 25th May 1793 in Whitchurch. In the 1841 Census (see below) Joseph was recorded as a bookseller, aged 45 and born in Shropshire, living in High St. Whitchurch with a lady named Rebecca Walford (1793-1866), whom it seems reasonable to assume was Joseph's wife (there are no relationships recorded in the 1841 Census and no formal record of their wedding seems to exist, but this is not unusual as it was only after 1837 that it first became a legal requirement to register births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales). An unsourced family tree (Morris Family in Ancestry.co.uk) states this to have been the correct relationship, and that Rebecca (*née* Smith) married Joseph in Whitchurch in 1814. Also in the household on 6th June 1841 were printer William Pepperday aged 20, printer's apprentice George Jackson, aged 15, and servant Mary Fox, aged 20. Note also that Joseph's next door neighbour was Samuel Venables, who was also remembered in the altar windows.

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City or Township of

Enumeration Schedule

Parish or Township of *Whitchurch*

PLACE	NUMBER	NAMES	AGE	SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS	When Born
		of such Persons who reside therein the preceding Night.				
	1	William Wright	21	M	Capitain	4
		Mary do	30	F		4
		Mary do	7	F		8
		William do	12	M		8
		Thomas Wright	23	M	Capitain	4
		Ann Wright	15	F		8
		Samuel Wright	20	M		4
		Richard Thomas	10	M		4
		Peter do	7	M		4
		John Wright	35	M		4
		Thos Wright	55	M	Leg. lat.	4
		John do	15	M		4
		Henry do	15	M		4
		Richard Wright	55	M	Chapman	4
		Charles do	35	M	Chapman	4
		Samuel do	25	M	Chapman	4
		Samuel do	15	M	Chapman	4
		Thomas do	15	M		4
		Joseph Wright	15	M	Chapman	4
		Elizabeth do	10	F		4
		Elizabeth do	25	F		4
		Thomas do	15	M		4
		William Wright	15	M	Chapman	4
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Joseph died in Wem in 1849. The Morris online Family Tree already mentioned also contains the statement below:

"According to his great nephew Walford Davis Green MP, writing in his book about his father Walford Green DD, Joseph Walford, was a Wesleyan local preacher of much renown in the neighbourhood, a man of natural eloquence and powerful character."

Joseph was the brother of Mary Walford (1809-69), who married Whitchurch shoemaker Thomas Fallows Green (1797-1877), and whose son Walford Fallows Green (1833-1903) was President of the Methodist Conference in 1894, having started as an assistant in his father's shoemaker's shop. Joseph Walford's sister Kitty (1799-1835) was the maternal grandmother of Sir Henry Walford Davies, the cousin of St. John's first organist, Frances Davies, mentioned earlier. Kitty married Thomas Gregory in 1822 in Whitchurch, and gave birth to Susan, who married John Whitridge Davies, the father of Henry Walford Davies.

Joseph's widow Rebecca, aged 38, was living on St. John's St. Whitchurch at the time of the 1851 Census, and was described as an 'annuitant' (living on a pension/annuity) with one servant, 14 year-old Martha Ansen from Malpas. In 1861 Rebecca was recorded as aged 68 and a 'proprietor of houses', still living in St. John's Street Whitchurch, at that time with her 65-year-old sister 'carpenter's widow' Sarah Powis Hughes. Rebecca died on 2nd December 1866 in Whitchurch. It is not known who ensured Joseph Walford was remembered in St. John's stained glass, but Rebecca's sister Sarah lived until 1888, after St. John's was built, and Rev. Walford Fallows Green, mentioned above, may have wished to dedicate a window to his uncle. Rebecca herself left 'Effects under £200', and her will was proved 'by the oath of William Smith of Whitchurch aforesaid gentleman one of the executors' – almost certainly the same William Smith as the one remembered on the East Transept window of St. John's, one suspects.

Thomas Lythgoe (1794-1861) married Elizabeth Atherton on 12th September 1827 in Grappenhall, Cheshire. There is some uncertainty over where exactly Thomas was born, as the Census returns give a number of options – in 1861 it was Lawton, Lancashire (no such place is known although there is a Lawton Shropshire, near Woore). In 1851 it was Warwick, Lancashire (no such place known). The 1841 Census records him, probably correctly, as born 'in county' i.e. Shropshire. Elizabeth was consistently recorded as born in Malpas. Thomas Lythgoe is also recorded as having married an Elizabeth Casterton (1790- b. Malpas) on 19th July 1818 in Whitchurch, but no death record has been found for this lady who seems to have been Thomas' first wife. Note also that an Elizabeth

The 1851 Census (below) shows corn and cheese factor Thomas, aged 57,

Thomas died in Whitchurch on 17th April 1861. His will was proved by his brother Richard Lythgoe. The will had a double probate, being also proved by the oath of Elizabeth Holbrey (Thomas' niece), who was the wife of Rev. George Holbrey, a Wesleyan Minister of Burton-on-Trent. Thomas' wife Elizabeth died later the same year in Nantwich. Thomas' niece Ann Eliza Lythgoe married widower upholsterer Alfred Davis from Chelsea, in Nantwich in 1864, and they had a son James Lythgoe Davis in 1867.

In 1871 'ironmonger general furnishing' Alfred Davis, 30, Ann E(liza) Davis (*née* Lythgoe), 37, and son James, 4, were living at 64 London Rd Derby.

The 1881 Census records Alfred Davis, 40, 'Furnishing ironmonger upholsterer employing 3 men', wife Ann Eliza Davis, 47, son James Lythgoe Davis, 14, and domestic servant (Ann's sister) Sarah Ann Lythgoe, 50, b. Nantwich all living at 2 South Terrace Derby. Could Ann and/or her sister have paid for the window in memory of their uncle despite having moved away from Whitchurch – or maybe the window was paid for by old friends of Thomas?

In 1891 the family were living at 8 Friargate Derby, with son James working as an assistant in the upholstery business and Sarah Ann working as an upholsterer. Ann died in 1917 in Derby.

Samuel Venables (1802-66) was born in Whitchurch. In 1841 confectioner Samuel (35), his wife Charlotte (30) and their children John (11), William (3), and Elizabeth (2) were recorded as living on the High St. in Whitchurch. Charlotte Venables died on 14th October 1847.

The 1851 Census (below) records widower "baker and confectioner" Samuel Venables, 49, 'assistants' sons John Venables, 21, and William Venables, 13, scholar son Samuel Venables, 9, daughter Elizabeth Venables, 12, house servant Elizabeth Miller, 29, b. Malpas and apprentice Wilson Smith, 18, b. Whitchurch all living in the shop on Whitchurch High Street.

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Parish of <i>Whitchurch</i>		Subdivision of <i>Whitchurch</i>		Household of <i>Whitchurch</i>		Household of <i>Whitchurch</i>	
Signs of Street, Place, or Road, or Name of No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abides in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1861	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of each Person	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Remarks
14 High Street	Samuel Venables	Head	Mar	59	Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
	William	Son	Un	23	Assistant Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
	Samuel	Son	Un	19	Shop Assistant	Salop. Whitchurch	
	Mary Oldbury	Daughter	Un	18	Shop Assistant	Salop. Whitchurch	
	Sarah Gregory	Servant	Un	21	Housemaid	Salop. Whitchurch	
	Henry Evanson	Servant	Un	16	Errand Boy	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Thomas Venables	Head	Un	46	Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Sarah Venables	Wife	Un	46	Housewife	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Samuel H Venables	Son	Un	7	Assistant Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Thomas B Venables	Son	Un	5	Assistant Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Frederic W Venables	Son	Un	3	Assistant Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Edwin M Venables	Son	Un	1	Assistant Baker & Confectioner	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Jane Howell	Servant	Un	20	Nursemaid	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Jane Motterham	Servant	Un	15	Nursemaid	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	John V Jenkins	Servant	Un	14	Apprentice	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Richard Hopley	Servant	Un	14	Apprentice	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	William Venables	Head	Mar	43	Grocer & Baker	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Sarah Venables	Wife	Un	39	Housewife	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Samuel H Venables	Son	Un	19	Grocer's Assistant	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Thomas B Venables	Son	Un	15	Grocer's Assistant	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Edwin M Venables	Son	Un	10	Scholar	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Lucy E Venables	Daughter	Un	3	Scholar	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Joseph L Venables	Son	Un	8	Scholar	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Sarah Hughes	Mother-in-law	Un	60	Housewife	Salop. Whitchurch	
16 High Street	Ellen Thomas	Servant	Un	15	Servant	Salop. Whitchurch	
Total of Persons				11			

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In 1861, still living on the High St. were widower 'baker and confectioner' Samuel Venables, 59, assistant baker and confectioner son William, 23, cabinet-maker son Samuel, 19, shop assistant Mary Oldbury, 18, b. Knighton, housemaid Sarah Gregory, 21, b. Wem and errand boy Henry Evanson, 16, b. Whitchurch. Samuel died on 26th December 1866 in Whitchurch.

His son William Venables continued to run the shop and married Sarah Hughes in 1862 in Audlem. In 1871 the household in the High Street Shop consisted of 'confectioner and corn dealer Methodist Local Preacher' William Venables, 33, his wife Sarah Venables, 29, their family Samuel H Venables, 7, Thomas B Venables, 5, Frederic W Venables, 3, Edwin M Venables, 1, servant Jane Howell, 20, nursemaid Jane Motterham, 15, and apprentices John V Jenkins, 14, and Richard Hopley, 14. It seems likely that William paid for the window in St. John's commemorating his father.

In 1881 the Census for Venables' Yard, Whitchurch High St. recorded 'grocer and baker' William Venables, 43, Sarah Venables, 39, 'grocer's assistant' Samuel H(ughes) Venables, 19, 'grocer's assistant' Thomas B(uckley) Venables, 15, scholars Edwin M. Venables, 10, Lucy E. Venables, 3, and Joseph L. Venables, 8, plus mother-in-law Sarah Hughes, 60, and servant Ellen Thomas, 15. In 1884 Thomas Buckley Venables emigrated to Canada and was followed before 1891 by his father William Venables.

William's son Samuel retained the shop and at 58 High St. in 1891 lived master grocer Samuel H(ughes) Venables, 27, his wife Sarah J Venables (*née* Williams), 28, Ethel Venables, 2, Dorothy L Venables, 11 months old, and servant Charlotte Sheratt, 16.

In 1901 grocer and confectioner Samuel H Venables, 37, lived at 60 High St. with his wife Sarah J Venables, 39, and family Ethel Venables, 12, Dorothy Lucy Venables, 10, Harry Jack Venables, 6, Alice M Venables, 4, Arthur M Venables, 3, and Beatrice A Venables, 6 Months, plus housemaid Lillie M Hockley, 26. Samuel died in 1907. The death of son Harry Jack Venables in WW1 is commemorated on a plaque in St. John's.

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