

St Laurence Church Former East Window

Notes by John Williams - August 2015

The East window in the Chancel was placed there in 1845 in memory of William Aston of Rowington Hall. It was executed by Holland of Warwick, who enjoyed a good reputation as artists of church windows. The four panels showed, from left to right, the birth, crucifixion, resurrection and the ascension of Christ.

In the restoration of the whole of the church in 1872 by George Frederick Bodley the window did not fit into his scheme of decoration. It was removed, with the permission of the Aston family to the east window of the north aisle, now the Lady Chapel. One of the four panels was taken out, the others reduced in size to make them fit.

In 1906 the new organ was placed in the east end of the north aisle and the window was boarded over on the inside.

The organ was moved in 1960 to its present position in the north aisle. The window was taken out and presented to the County Museum in Warwick.