

Llandaff Cathedral, Wales – Tree of Jesse window dated 1951 in the Lady Chapel. (3)

Portsmouth, Milton. Hampshire. St. James's Church, The consecration of St. James Church took place in 1913, built on a north-south axis in Gothic form. The addition of the Tree of Jesse stained glass east window, inserted to mark the church's 21st anniversary (1954), greatly enhances the otherwise dignified though austere brick and timber interior. The window by Sir Ninian Comper shows the descent of Jesus, through Mary, from King David, the youngest son of Jesse, the Bethlehemite.⁽¹¹⁾

Slough, Britwell. Berkshire. St. George's Church. Five light window mentioned in the church inventory Tree of Jesse demolished in October 2004. Huge and spectacular window in one inch thick glass, set in concrete. Maker Powell, James & Sons and John Baker 1960

Swavesey, Cambridgeshire. St. Andrew's Church. The east window in the Lady Chapel contains a 1967 Tree of Jesse by Francis Skeat. In the letters to the incumbent and the churchwardens Skeat writes;

The window scheme of my design is intended to symbolise the descent of Our Lord from Abraham and the patriarchs as detailed in the opening chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. It is not merely a Jesse Tree since it goes back before his time.....

Although the window can be interpreted as a Tree of Jesse window, the design is not in keeping with the traditional design for the Tree of Jesse. Jesse appears in the right hand light and is in a standing position facing left. The figures in the window are;

first light	Boaz.
second light	Ruth and above her Jacob.
middle light	Abraham and Isaac above them Blessed Virgin Mary and Child, at the top Asa.
fourth light	David with Solomon above him.
fifth light	Jesse.

The shoot of the tree comes from Abraham and Isaac the other figures are entwined in the vine branches although the Virgin Mary and Child who are in the middle of the window are separate from the vine. The text Skeat quotes at the bottom of the window reads;

‘Who for us men, and for our Salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.’

Clermont-Ferrand, France. Cathedral Notre-Dame. Tree of Jesse Rose window 1992; centre the Virgin seated, crowned, on her lap the Christ-child with his arms extended. Eight glass medallions surrounding contain Jesse lying in the lower medallion, other figures including David and Solomon each holding scrolls, in the top medallion the Holy Spirit represented by a Dove.

Chicago. U.S.A. The (newly built) Saint Louis Abbey. Jesse Tree window, a fine arts project by students made the window over a period of 4 1/2 years. Twenty-one panels making up the 16' x 5' Jesse Tree window, based on the twelfth century Jesse Tree from Chartres Cathedral.

Oxford, Oxfordshire. Pusey House Chapel. In the east window there is a Tree of Jesse commemorating Pusey, who was one of the leaders of the nineteenth century Oxford Movement in the Church of England. Pusey died in 1882 and Pusey House was established as his memorial.