

The Horsfall Family

Celebrating & Conserving Their Legacy

St. Agnes & St. Pancras, Toxteth Park – 4th October 2018

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With thanks to....



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church buildings*

... for making our Restoration Project happen!

Charles Horsfall (1776-1846)

Early Life:

- Born in Huddersfield.
- Left for Jamaica in 1792 in search of adventure and fortune.

In Liverpool:

- Arrived in Liverpool c. 1807, settled in Everton.
- Married Dorothy Hall Berry, a brilliant illustrator.
- Collaborated with Dorothy on botanical research.
- Bailiff of Liverpool (1829) and then Mayor (1831/2)
- Thirteen children.

Church:

- Everton, St. George (co-founder), 1814 by Rickman & Cragg.



Everton, St. George

One of the two surviving “Cast Iron Churches” in Liverpool.

Cast iron allows slender pillars therefore more light and visibility.

Tower is the highest point in the pre-1906 City of Liverpool.



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**Thomas Berry
Horsfall
(1805-1878)**

Political Life:

- Alderman (1844-7) and Mayor of Liverpool (1848-50)

Charitable Works:

- Patron of the Liverpool Benevolent Society for the Reclamation of Fallen Women
- Supporter of the Church Missionary Society

Church:

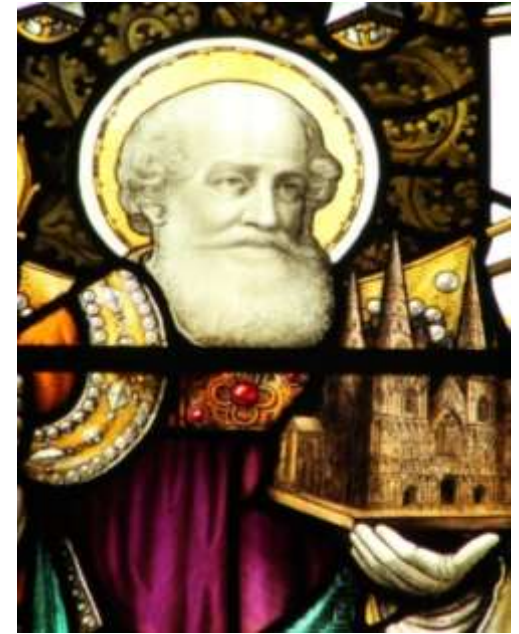
- Founded a Mission Church at Bonny (in Scotland)

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- Stockbroker by profession.
- A convinced Anglo-Catholic in later life.
- Married Emily – three sons.



Churches:

- Christ Church, Great Homer Street (1846-8) [jointly with his siblings]
- St. James-the-Less, Kirkdale (1869)
- St. Margaret of Antioch, Princes Road (1869)

Christ Church, Great Homer Street



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The photo is of Oldham, St. Thomas Lees, also by E.H. Shellard and with Perpendicular Gothic architecture.

Christ Church was destroyed in the May Blitz and the site is now occupied by a sports centre.

Commissioned by Robert Horsfall on land donated by Thomas Berry Horsfall in memory of Charles Horsfall. They also built schools behind the church.

“... a very excellent reproduction of a parish church of the fifteenth century”

J.A. Picton (1873)

St. James-the-Less, Kirkdale



Another casualty of the May Blitz of 1941.

The only known relic is this icon, now at St. Agnes's.

A Tractarian (Anglo-Catholic) church originally built as a Chapel-of-Ease to St. Martin-in-the-Fields to increase capacity in Kirkdale.

Gets only a cursory mention from Picton so presumably not of great architectural merit.

St. Margaret of Antioch



Built 1869, the work of G.E. Street – his only Liverpool church.

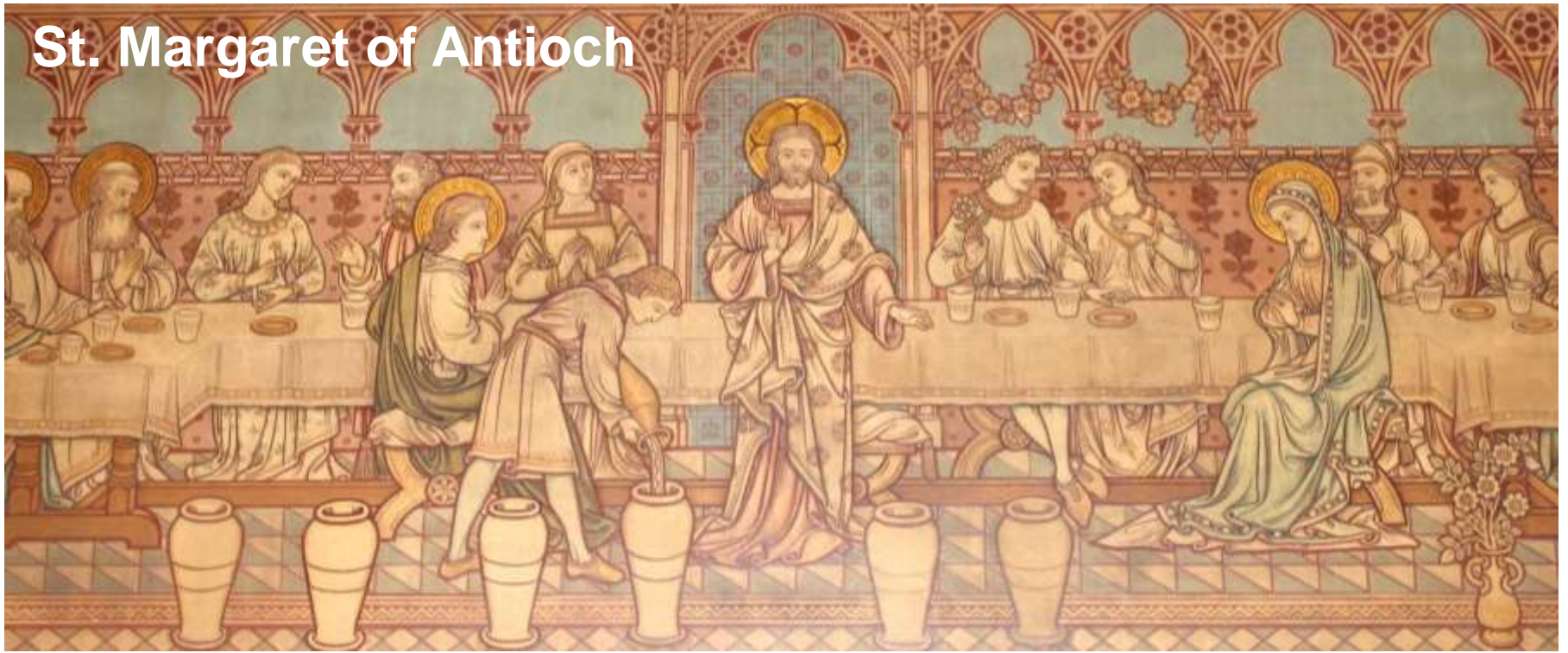
Simple but attractive red brick exterior gives little clue as to what lies inside (guide book available).

Suffered some blast damage in WW2 but thankfully survived.

Open throughout the Riots of 1981 and unscathed – several nearby buildings were destroyed.



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Thomas Berry
Horsfall
(1805-1878)

Robert Horsfall
(1807-1881)

George Henry
Horsfall
(1824-1900)

- A very successful merchant – developed the family business.
- Staunchly Evangelical all his life.
- 617 acres of land.

Church:

- Christ Church, Linnet Lane (1871)

Christ Church

Built 1870/1 to a design by Culshaw & Sumners.

Iconic slender spire visible across Sefton Park.

Lovely stonework details.

Soup Group every Tuesday 10am-1pm.



Christ Church



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(1824-1900)**

**Charles Edward
Horsfall
(1855-1893)**

**Robert Ernest
Horsfall
(1858-????)**

- Died aged just 37
- Commemorated in St. Agnes' Church (Frieze and SE Transept window)

- Gave the Lady Chapel Reredos (by G.F. Bodley) in memory of his mother Emily.

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Founder of St. Agnes' Church

H. Douglas Horsfall (1856-1936)



- Stockbroker by Profession
- Married Mabel Parks
- Four children

Churches:

- St. Agnes, Toxteth Park (1885)
- St. Pancras, Lidderdale Rd. (1897)
- St. Faith, Crosby (1900)
- St. Paul, Stoneycroft (1916)

Bought the Patronage of St. Catherine, Abercromby Square in 1886.

Founded St. Chad's College, now part of Durham University, in 1904.

St. Faith, Crosby



A High Church from Day One. Tram conductors would shout, “Change here for Rome!”

Reredos by Salviati of Venice. Caused an outcry from local Protestants when dedicated in 1901.

Very fine Walker organ.

Connection with Robert Elcum Horsfall (HD’s eldest son) – Foundation Stone (1898) and Chancel Screen (1920).

St. Paul, Stoneycroft

By Giles Gilbert Scott
(1916)

Europe's largest brick-built parish church when new – over two million bricks – and a lot of early reinforced concrete.





Conservation Projects



Everton, St. George – Roof Replacement

Two Major Technical Challenges:

- 1) Vulnerability of Cast Iron Frame
- 2) Size of Individual Slates.

Two phases, funded by HLF GPOW Grants:

2015-6 Nave Roof (pictured before work)

2018 Chancel Roof & Porches

Total cost £580,000

Conservation Projects



Christ Church – Dry Rot Remediation and Prevention (Aisle Roofs)

Inadequately-sized rainwater outlets causing water ingress to roof timbers.

Structural timbers in need of treatment or replacement.

Major design faults uncovered during work.



One phase, funded by HLF GPOW Grant:

Total cost £282,540

Conservation Projects



St. Paul's (now the Coptic Orthodox Church) – Water Ingress and Concrete Degradation

Inadequately-sized rainwater outlets causing water ingress to roof timbers.

Structural timbers in need of treatment or replacement.

Major design faults uncovered during work.

Complete Programme costed at £285,600 (2014)

Closed as an Anglican church 4/14 and reopened by Coptic Orthodox Church 6/16.

Most urgent work now done but more needed.

Conservation Projects



St. Agnes & St. Pancras – Re-Roofing of S. Aisle & Transepts; Repairs to High Level Stonework to W Elevation

Replacement of life-expired tiled roof coverings (27,000 tiles).

Take down and rebuild stonework at W end.

High level repointing.

This phase, funded by Grants from HLF, NCT, Wolfson Foundation and others:

Total cost £344,000.

To do: Heating Installation, Great West Window and Parish Hall (£350,000?)

Thank You – Any Questions?

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