

## The Medieval Carvings hidden in the window spandrels of St Margaret's Church, Ipswich



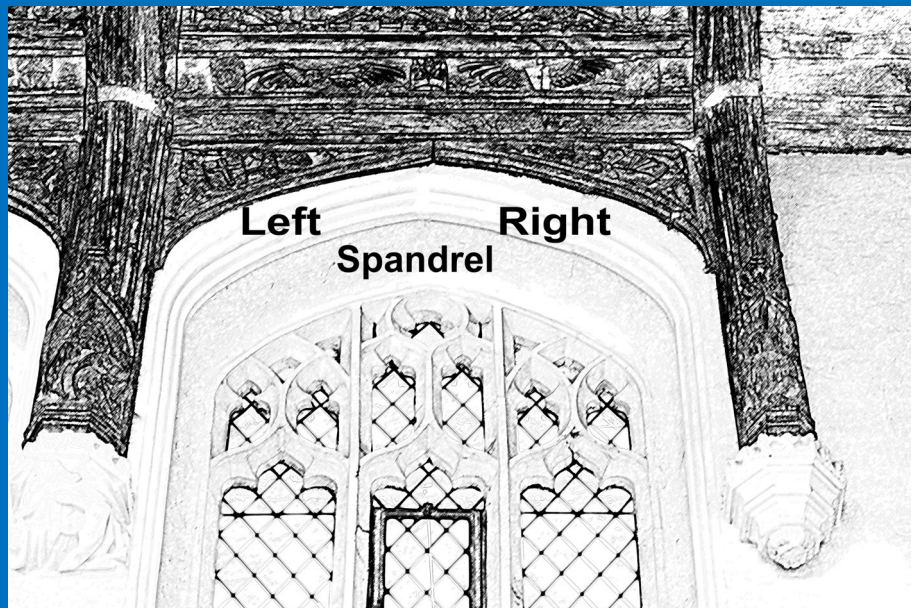
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**Whenever people visit St Margaret's, Ipswich they marvel at the double hammerbeam roof and the roof paintings.**

**What they often don't realise is that lurking in the window spandrels are religious symbols, the occasional animal and details of the benefactors of the church in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century.**

**The spandrels are the carvings over each of the clerestory windows high up the walls of the central nave, filling the gap between the window arch and the bottom of the roof.**

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**The major benefactors of the church at this time were:-**

**John Hall – a woddyer or dyer and his wife Katherine. He was a freeman, councillor and Portman. He died in 1503 and Katherine in 1506. Their son, William, died in 1526.**

**Henry and Elizabeth Tylmaker who died in 1445 and 1460 respectively – they were brickmakers.**

**John Bryd – a thatcher sometimes spelt Birde or Byrde. His brother Robert died 1448 and John's wife died 1474.**

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**The numbering system:**

**In all cases the window numbering system for these pictures has been kept the same as the booklet about the roof with number “1” for the clerestory window being the one nearest the east end (altar end) of the nave and “10” being the one nearest the west end (font end).**

**The north as you look at the altar is on your left (the organ side) and the south on your right (entrance door).**

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## North Window 1

**Left – A cross**

**Three nails - Right**



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## North Window 2

Left – A branch



A Fox & Goose - Right



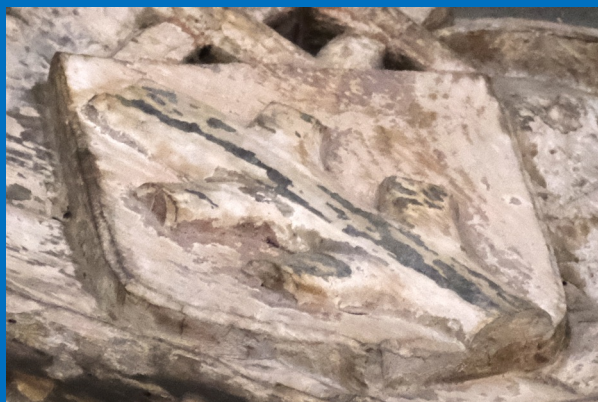
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## North Window 3

Left – A bend



A branch - Right



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## North Window 4

Left – for John Bryd

Thatchers mark - Right



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Is this bird a symbol for John Bryd?  
It can be found on the centre right of the  
carvings above North Window 4



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## North Window 5

Left – M for Hall family

H for Hall family - Right



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## North Window 6

Left - Chained Bear

Dragon for St Margaret - Right



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## North Window 7

Left – H for Henry Tylmaker

The Tylmaker's mark - Right



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## North Window 8

Left – Tylmaker's mark

I for Isabel Tylmaker - Right



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## North Window 9

Left – M for Hall family

H for Hall family - Right



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## North Window 10

Left – I for Isabel Tylmaker

H for Hall family - Right



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## South Window 1

Left – A rose



A bud - Right



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## South Window 2

Left – A rose



Foliage - Right

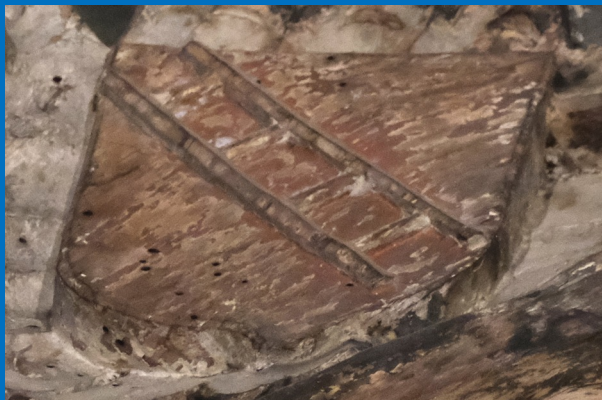


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### South Window 3

Left – A ladder



A Saltire - Right



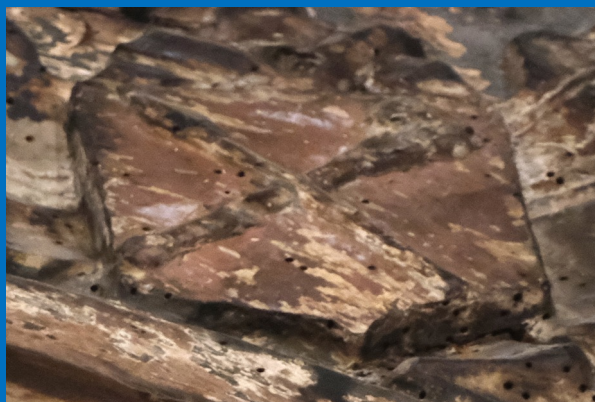
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### South Window 4

Left – A scourge



A spear and sponge - Right



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## South Window 5

Left – A Sacred Heart

The Crown of Thorns - Right



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## South Window 6

Left – A Cross

Sword & Keys - Right



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## South Window 7

Left – The Spear & Sponge



The Pillar- Right



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## South Window 8

Left – The Crown of Thorns



The Hammer - Right



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## South Window 9

Left – The Pince(r)s



Three Nails - Right



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## South Window 10

Left – The Dice



A Saltire - Right



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