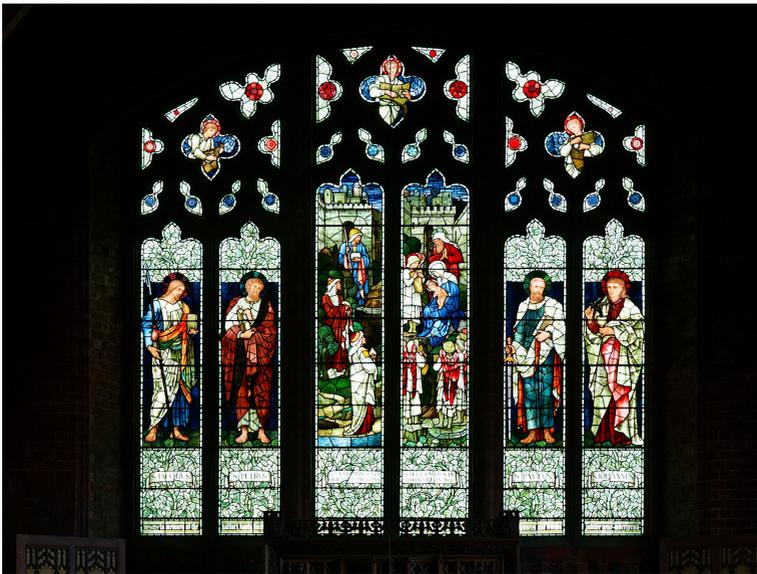




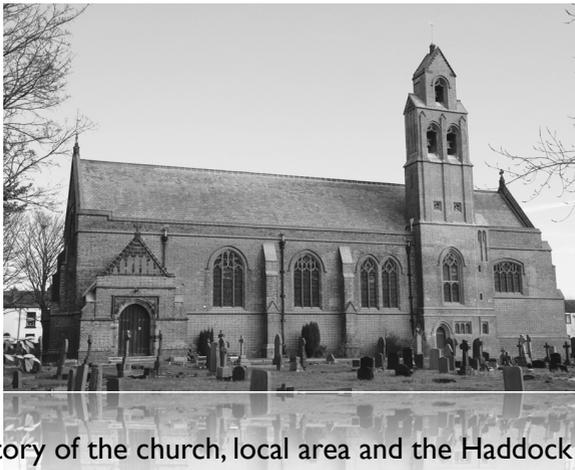
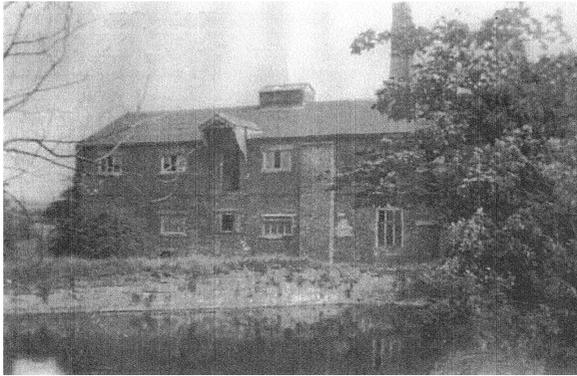
St. James the Great Church, Daisy Hill The East Window



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FROM CORN MILL to CHURCH St. James the Great, Daisy Hill



A history of the church, local area and the Haddock Family
whose wealth funded the building of first a school and then a
church in Daisy Hill.

St James the Great Church Daisy Hill
is a Grade II* listed building, designed by the notable architects
Paley & Austin, built 1879 to 81 and described as -
*"a masterly performance for very little cash, £6500" in The Buildings of
England by Claire Hartwell, Matthew Hyde and Nikolaus Pevsner.*

The Church was placed on the At Risk Register in 2018 by Historic England at Category A. This category indicated an immediate risk of further deterioration or loss of fabric with no solution currently in place. A National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant of £70,500 was awarded for an exciting heritage project for the "Promotion of the Heritage of Daisy Hill's Unique Paley and Austin Church". The project focused on repairing damage caused by vegetation growth to the 85ft. Bell Turret which has been the landmark of Daisy Hill for almost 140 years. This work has also enabled us to gain more understanding of the construction of this unique listed building.

Other aspects of the project involve researching the history of the church, local area and the Haddock Family whose wealth funded the building of first a school and then a church in Daisy Hill.

These gifts were honoured when funds were raised to install a "superb" stained glass East Window, completed in 1897/8, and made by the company Morris & Co. founded by William Morris and fellow Pre-Raphaelite artists.

These booklets document the results of our research and are available free to all, but with a suggested donation to the church restoration fund of £2 per booklet.

Cheques made payable to St. James The Great Church Daisy Hill,
Community Account

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We can advise that the innovative folks at the church have published two most impressive booklets, the first entitled "**From Corn Mill to Church**", and the second "**The East Window**".

The former is a wealth of information about the history of the Daisy Hill district and the circumstances which brought about the building of the church, and the second is a comprehensive dissertation on the wonderful East Window at St James's, with its links to such iconic figures as Burne-Jones and William Morris.



Both publications are extremely well-researched and written, copiously illustrated, and beautifully presented, and we feel they are a 'must' for anyone interested in our local history.

As the publications have been produced with the help of Heritage Lottery funding, the booklets cannot be sold commercially, but can be requested in exchange for discretionary donations of £2 per booklet (or more if you can afford – and they are certainly worth more! Ed.).

To order by post, please write to Mrs G. Latham, 30, Bank Side, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 2QP, enclosing a cheque for your donation amount, plus p&p (65p for one booklet or £1.40 for both), with cheques made payable to 'St. James the Great Church, Daisy Hill, Community Account.'

As we are all well aware, along with many other organisations and establishments, churches are currently experiencing very tough times, so please support this wonderful and deserving project as generously as you can.

Yours Historically,
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