

The Pearce Window

The Pearce window was given to St Michael's in memory of John Pearce, who was killed in an air-raid over Bristol, and his family. The window was dedicated on Sunday 4 March 1979. It hung in the old St Michael and All Angels church (on the site of "The Oaks" flats) until the building had to be closed due to subsidence in 1991.

The theme of the window is "renewal and re-birth". It depicts:

- Bristol in the Blitz, including the Temple church with its leaning tower;
- Bristol re-born: the Severn bridge, Concorde, the restoration of the SS Great Britain.

The wings of St Raphael, the angel of healing, are outstretched to cover both.

At the foot of the window the two bible verses are:

Revelation 20:9: "He (*Satan*) marched up and surrounded the beloved city."

2 Peter 3 v 13: "We look for new heavens and a new earth"

The arms are those of the City of Bristol and of the Diocese of Bristol.