

# Memorial Windows at Christ Church Cheltenham

## North Aisle (By Heaton, Butler & Bayne 1901/07 - LHS facing the Apse)



**“Behold the lamb of God.”**

(The baptism of Jesus)

A thank offering for the mercies received during 83 years 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1907.



**“When the morning was come Jesus stood on the shore. “**

(Jesus appears to His disciples after the resurrection)

In loving memory of **Thos. Nelson Foster** and Louisa Mary his wife a token of affection from their children and members of their family.



**“She attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. “**

(Lydia at Philippi listening to St. Paul)

In memory of Sarah Ellen Rhodes died at Bayshill House 7<sup>th</sup> June 1901 aged 80. Erected by her brother the Rev Y Sheepshanks and her sister the **Baroness De Ferrieres** in the coronation year of King Edward VII



**“He took bread and blessed it and brake and gave to them.”**

(Jesus “breaks bread” with His disciples)

A thank offering from the **Baron and Baroness De Ferrieres** for mercies received during 50 of married life 1901.

## South Aisle (RHS facing the Apse)



**“Behold the man I find no fault in him.”**

(The trial of Jesus)

A thank offering for the merit received during 84 years 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1907



**“Suffer little children to come unto me.”**

(Jesus receiving the children)

A thank offering for 84 years of mercies received 28<sup>th</sup> July 1907



**“Jesus said unto her Mary go to my brethren.”**

(Jesus meeting Mary after the resurrection)

In memory of **T Nelson Foster** JP Church Warden 1878 to 1892 who died Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1902 aged 61. Erected by many friends in grateful recognition of his valued services to Christ Church for 25 years



**“Lord now letttest thou thy servant depart in peace.”**

(Jesus’ presentation in the temple)

A thank offering for 83 years of mercies received 28<sup>th</sup> July 1906

## *Notes on the persons named in Christ Church memorial windows:*

The **(Thomas) Nelson Foster** Memorial was erected at the junction of Bristol Road and Stroud Road, Gloucester and is now in the small park between Stroud Road, Sydenham Terrace and Stanley Terrace. It was erected in July 1903 to the memory of Thomas Nelson Foster by public subscription and at the cost of his friends. New choir seats in St Luke's Church were also provided as a memorial to him. He was an owner with his brother of Foster Brothers, an oil mill at Baker's Quay in the Docks. The firm transferred here in 1863 from Evesham. Linseed was imported from Russia, Argentina and India, and cotton seed from Egypt. The oil was produced for both internal and foreign markets, and the residual cake was sold in the Midlands as animal feed and fertiliser. Foster Brothers employed 129 workers in 1897, and amalgamated with other firms in 1899 to form British Oil and Cake Mills Limited (BOCM). Thomas Nelson Foster was born on March 16th, 1840, and died at sea on October 2, 1901. An inscription on one face reads: 'In memory of Thomas Nelson Foster, J.P., Christian, Citizen and Merchant, who died at sea 2nd October 1901'.

**Baron de Ferrieres** was made Cheltenham's second Mayor in 1877 and was elected at the 1880 general election as its Liberal MP, holding the seat until the 1885 general election. In 1898 Cheltenham is said to have received an outstanding collection of forty-three paintings and £1,000 to open a gallery – donated by the third **Baron de Ferrieres**, and assembled by his father. Rich in Dutch and Belgian arts of the 17th and 19th centuries The Barron lived at the new Bayshill House when Fauconberg Lodge was pulled down to make room for a more modern Ladies College building.

**Rev. Archibald Boyd** married Frances Waller, daughter of Thomas Waller, on 7 August 1863. He held the office of Dean of Exeter.

*From the Internet - [http://gerald-massey.org.uk/adams/c\\_autobiog01.htm](http://gerald-massey.org.uk/adams/c_autobiog01.htm)*

*"The first incumbent of Christ Church was an eloquent Irishman, who attracted crowded congregations to the new temple every Sunday—the **Rev. Archibald Boyd**. In pursuance of a half-fulfilled resolution to hear all the parsons in the town, I sometimes joined the congregations myself. Years afterwards, passing through Exeter, I attended service in the grand old cathedral. The edifice was crowded—so crowded that in the seat I occupied I could hear, but not see, the preacher. The sermon was a bitter denunciation of Mr. Bradlaugh, then engaged in his great struggle with the House of Commons. Some of the old fables about him were retailed from the pulpit. These being communicated to Mr. Bradlaugh, he contradicted them in his newspaper for the hundredth time. The preacher was my old acquaintance of Christ Church, then Dean of Exeter"*

**Major Cyprian Bridge** (afterwards Colonel) (1807-1885) was a British army officer, particularly famed for his activities in the Flagstaff War, which was fought against the Māori in New Zealand in 1845. When Major Cyprian Bridge, of the 58th returned to England from New Zealand he was appointed to the command of the regiment.

The handwritten diary of Major Cyprian Bridge, commanding officer of the 58th Regiment, Journal of events on an expedition to New Zealand commencing 4th April 1845, is preserved in the Turnbull Library, Wellington

**Colonel Charles James Lewes** is recorded as living at 21 Lansdown Crescent in 1858/9.

"Lewes - Colonel Charles James - Bengal Army - died 2nd April 1881.

Grave at Cheltenham Borough Cemetery, Gloucestershire - "In memoriam Charles James Lewes Colonel late Bengal Army. Died April 2nd 1881. Aged 80 years. Also of Harriet Ann widow of the above. Fell asleep February 8th 1891. Aged 85 years." *From <http://glostons.tripod.com/offzdiedl.htm>.*

Nothing relevant can be found on the Internet for:

Sarah Ellen Rhodes

Diana W. Williamson

Edward Wakefield

Rev Y Sheephshanks

William Crane

Cecilia Hutt

Harriette Crane