



All Saints Church

Durrington

Durrington - The church of this village has lately been adorned with several gifts presented as memorial of the late Rev. Richard Webb, who for 40 years ministered in Durrington. It is no small proof of the esteem and affection felt for him that offerings for this object were made not only by his personal friends, but every householder in the parish without exception. It might be said of him, as it once was of another, "None could help loving him a little; most loved him much: few gained as much affection from any man as he gained from most who knew him."

The memorial offerings are as follows: - A new rail, supported by simple yet elegant standards, has been placed before the communion table. Two tablets of brass record Mr Webb's name and good works; and the north aisle has been completed by the insertion of four painted windows illustrative of four of the Beatitudes. The first of these shews the death of Lazarus, "one poor in spirit," as well as poor in purse. The house of Dives is in the background. The dogs that lick his sores are just turning from the dying saint, but angels bend over him to receive the enfranchised spirit. The second represents the blessedness of those "that mourn" by a rejoicing reaper, who having sown in tears now brings his sheaves with him. "Meekness" is illustrated by the scene (2 Sam. Xvi. 5-13), in which David not only endures the curses and the stones which Shimei casts at him, but restrains Abishai from avenging him. The series closes with the good Samaritan as the impersonation of the "Merciful."

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