

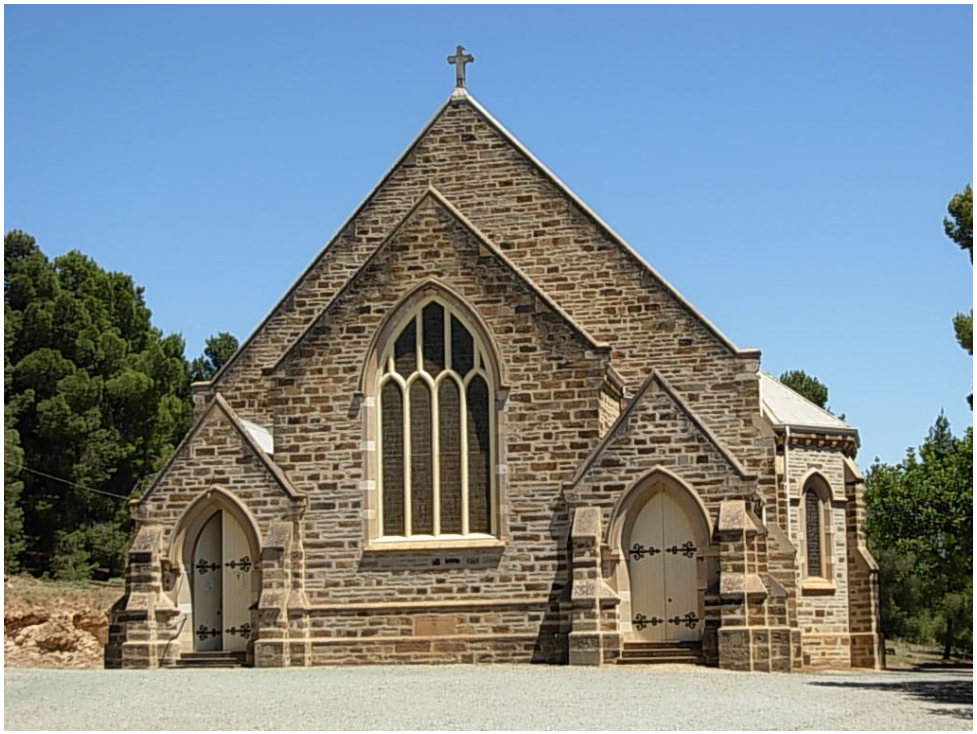
The First Anglican Services
The first Anglican services held in Burra were conducted in a stone building situated in Kangaroo Street in 1847.
The First St. Mary's Church
In 1849, the first Church of St. Mary was erected on a site leased by the S.A. Mining Association (SAMA) and stood close by the original place of worship. This church of St. Mary on Limestone Hill, on the corner of Ware and Church Streets, was demolished and a few treasured possessions, the altar table, the iron cross surmounting the old church and two stained glass windows were transferred to the new building.
The Second St. Mary's Church
Built in 1879 by the Burra firm of Sara and Dunstan on land granted by SAMA, at a cost of £4,000, which was subscribed by the parish, like a miniature cathedral, the church is built of local stone, with pine floors and ceilings.
The Parish Hall
The Parish Hall immediately adjacent the church was built by parishioners, in 1893, as a Sunday school and for other church activities. Its design is almost a complete replica of the first St. Mary's Church of 1849.

'The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.'

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THE WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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Welcome to the Church of St. Mary, Burra.

The beautiful stained glass windows of this church are of great historical significance to the town and district of Burra as they commemorate the lives of some of its families and well known identities. They provide an insight into the history of the Anglican churches of Burra and Mt. Bryan and also some of the sad realities of life in an early settlement, a district touched by infant diseases, war and accidents in rural South Australia.

This pamphlet includes a brief description of each of the windows in the order indicated by the numbers on the church plan shown on the adjacent page.

The Pipe Organ

The church's 1905 Pipe Organ made by J. E. Dodds of South Australia is apparently one of the finest organs in Australia. Although it was overhauled in 1981 at a cost of $4000, it is still essentially in its original form. It is a two manual, full pedal board tracker action organ, with a tonal range to suit this church building.
Its specifications include :-

Swell	Oboe
	Hohl Flute, ,
	Flauto Traverso
	Viol d'orchestre
	Flute
Great	Fifteenth
	Claribel
	Principal
	Larigot
	Open Diapason
Pedal	Bourdon
Great to Swell	Great to pedal
Swell to Pedal	Swell to Great sub.

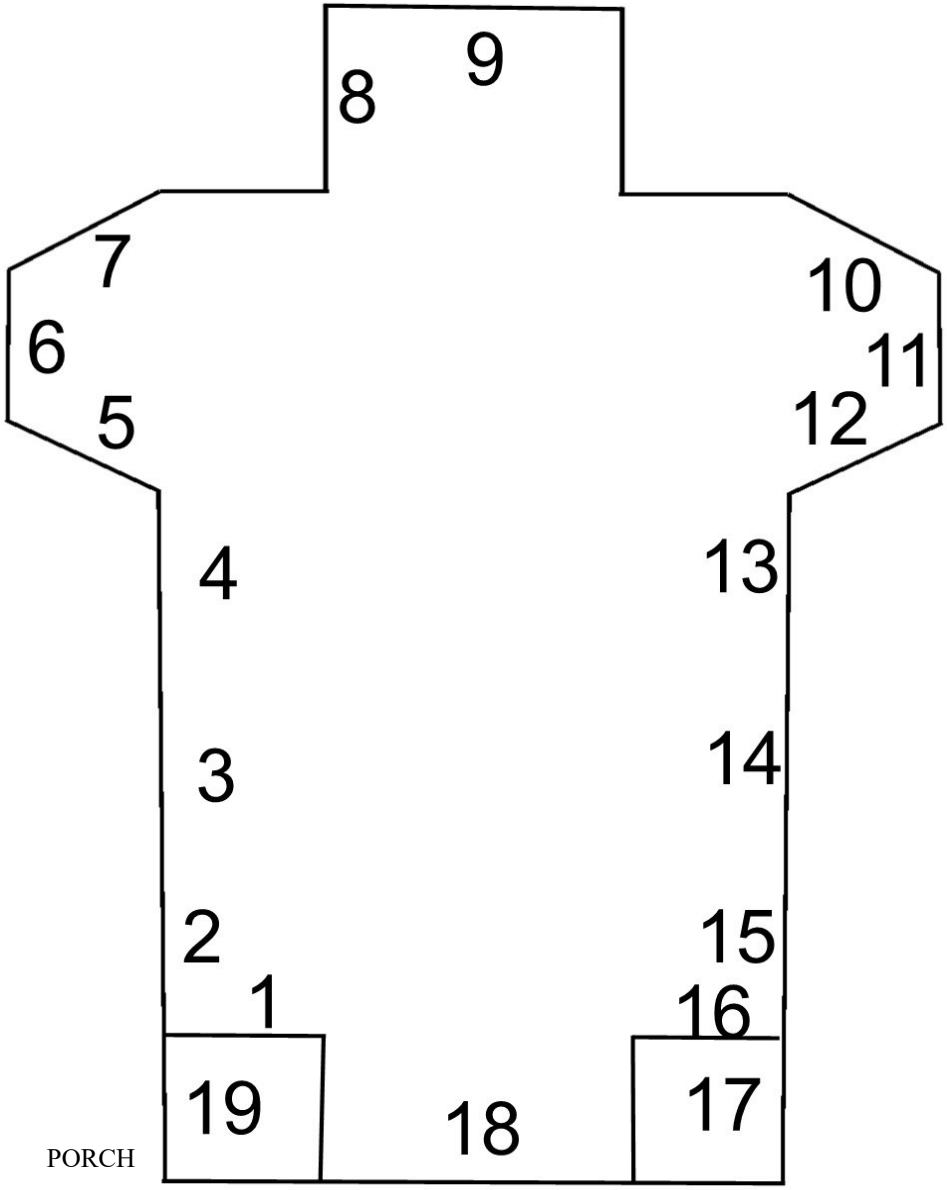
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PLAN OF CHURCH WINDOWS





1. The Children's Window

This is a window from the original St. Mary's Church that was built on 'Limestone Hill' Kooringa in 1849. It is one of a pair of windows from that church that were crafted by Edward Brooks, who migrated from England in 1839 to be the first stained glass artisan in South Australia. Both windows were installed in the first St. Mary's Church, Burra in 1873 and have zinc cames rather than lead ones. It uses the roundel technique for its composition and is dedicated to some of the many children who died in the early days of the town. The names and dates of their deaths are:-

William Francis Williams d 8 June 1865 (7mths)
Eleanor Jane Goodhart d 8 Dec. 1865 (1yr.11mths)
Eleanor Sarah White d 8 Apr. 1870 (14mths)
Thomas John Bath d 17 Jan. 1870 (4yrs)
Reginald Williams d 4 Mar. 1871 (13days)
William Builder d 29 Feb. 1872 (7mths)
Eveline Bath d 15 May 1872 (5mths)
Sydney Smith Bath d 7 Sept. 1872. (2 yrs)

Inscription: **'In Memory of Nine Infants* Who Sleep in Jesus'**
*Unfortunately one of the nine roundels that commemorates a child has been broken and replaced by a piece of plain coloured glass. So the name of the ninth child has been lost to history.





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The Windows of the Porch

The two windows in the porch one depicting the Annunciation, the other the Nativity were installed in 1963 .

Inscription:
Blessed art thou among women. Blessed is the fruit of thy womb.'
In memory of Margaret Barr Tennant 16th May 1956

The Tennant family owned Princess Royal Station, near Burra.



2
St. Catherine of Siena

Inscription
'Warnes, Mary Jane,
beloved wife of
Isaac James Warnes.

Given by her sons
Rex, James and Thomas 19th June 1959.'

Mary Warnes founded the Burra Country Women's Association in 1926

Isaac Warnes was the owner of the pastoral property, Koomooloo Station.



3

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Inscription
'In memory of
Mary Young Wigley
daughter of
W. P. and J. Barker.'

William Pitt Barker was the owner of Barker's Run a property at Baldina. The window was dedicated on 30th August 1936

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The Great West Window

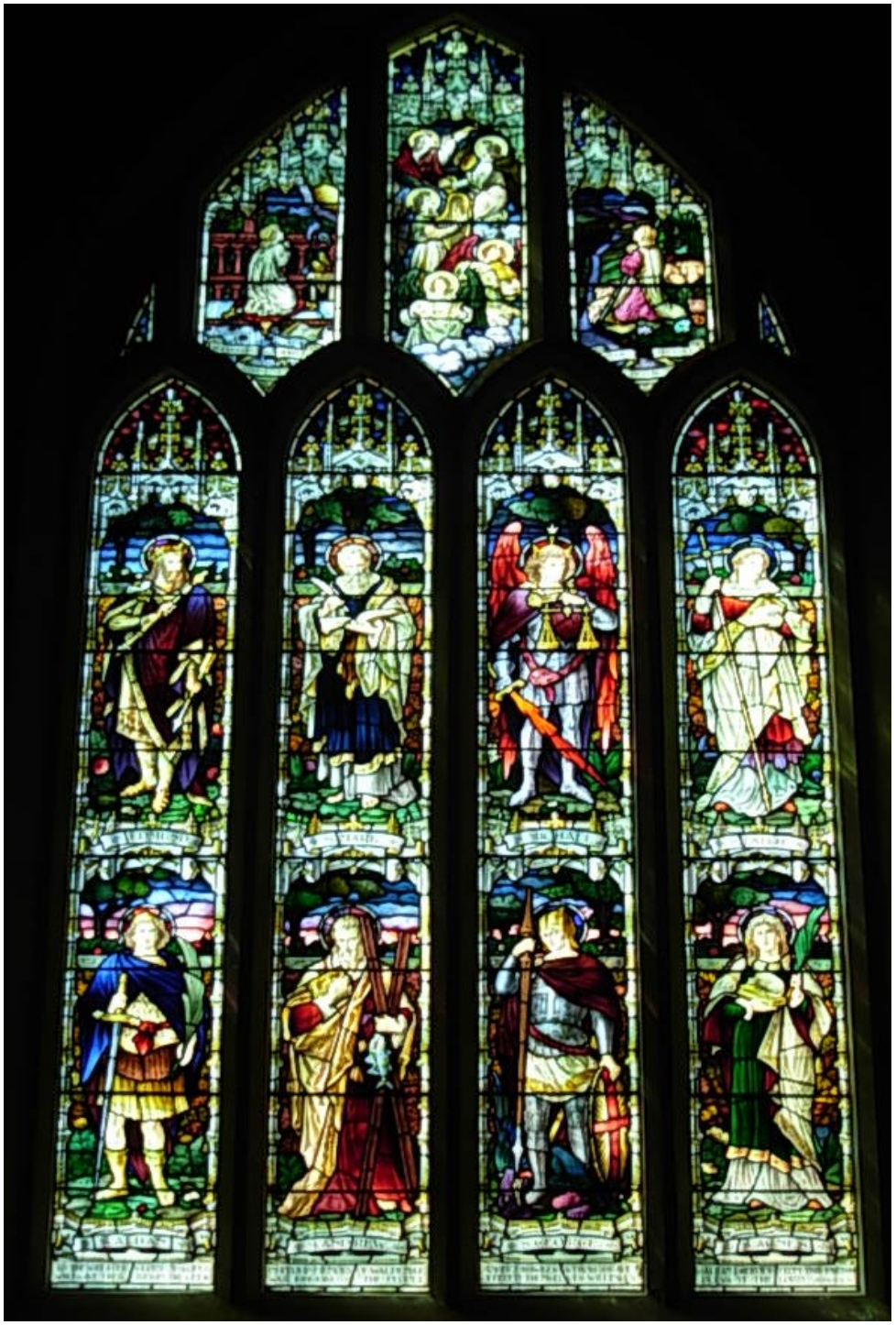
This window depicts the saints
St. Edmund, St. Mark, St. Michael, St. Faith
St. Alban, St. Andrew, St. George, St. Agnes.

Inscription
'To the greater Glory of God in proud memory of
Waldemar Robert Hawkes
and those brave and gallant heroes from this parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914 – 1919.'

'The people offered themselves willingly'
'Bless ye the Lord'

W. R. Hawkes was the son of W. G. Hawkes a pastoralist who owned the sheep run, Koonoona Station.

Made by Jones and Willis of London, dated 1921





4

Jesus the Good Shepherd

‘He Shall Gather The Lambs In His Arms’

Inscription
‘In Memoriam,
Alfred,
Son of
Alfred and Priscilla Barker
1850,
also their grandchildren
Priscilla Maude MacLean 1867
Ella MacLean 1871
Hector William Barker 1887.’

Alfred Barker was a hotelier and owner of Barker’s Run a sheep run at Baldina.



5

St. George

Inscription
'A.M.D.S. and in loving memory of
Morton Reginald Sandland,
Third Son of
Caroline
and the late
John Chesters Sandland
Born at Koonoona Station,
Killed in action at Beersheba
on
Oct. 31st 1917 aged 27.'

"Duty Nobly Done"

Believed to have been built in 1921
the maker is unknown

John Chesters Sandland owned
Koonoona Station, south of Burra.



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The History Room

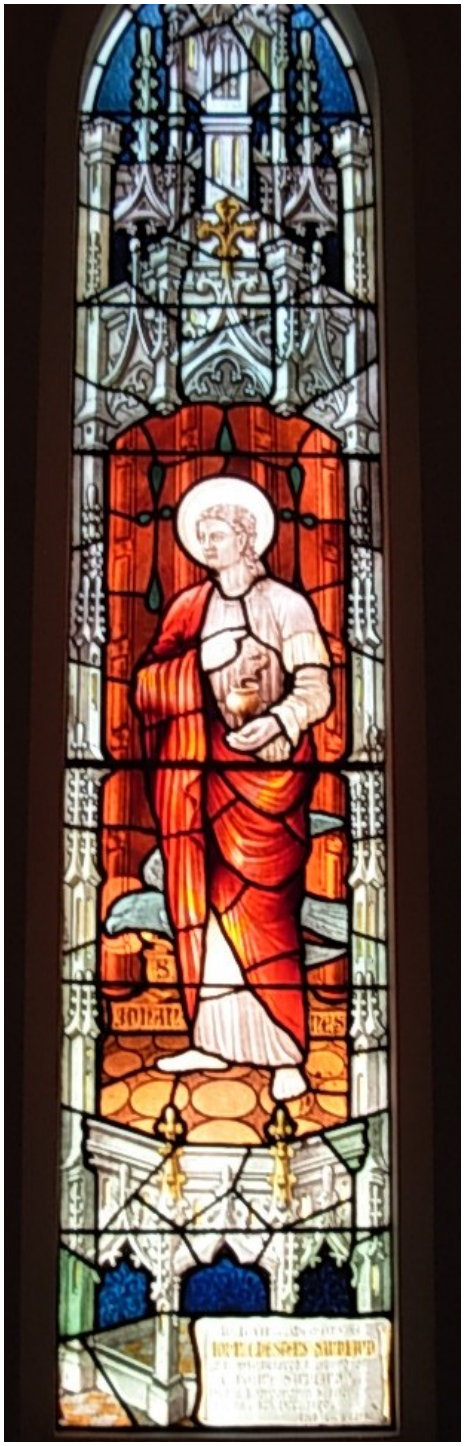
Inscription
'The Good Shepherd'
'The Tree of Life'
'To God's Glory in Loving Memory of
Andrew Murray Tiver
1966 – 1992
Farmer and Grazier'
Erected in 1992 by the Tiver family.

Made by Owen Turner of Nairne
1996



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The Windows of the Church of St. Andrew at Mount Bryan
These windows were consecrated to the memory of members of this church which served its people from 1915 until 1998 . In March 2002 they were transferred to St. Mary's in Burra where they still honour the former congregation of St. Andrew, Mount Bryan.



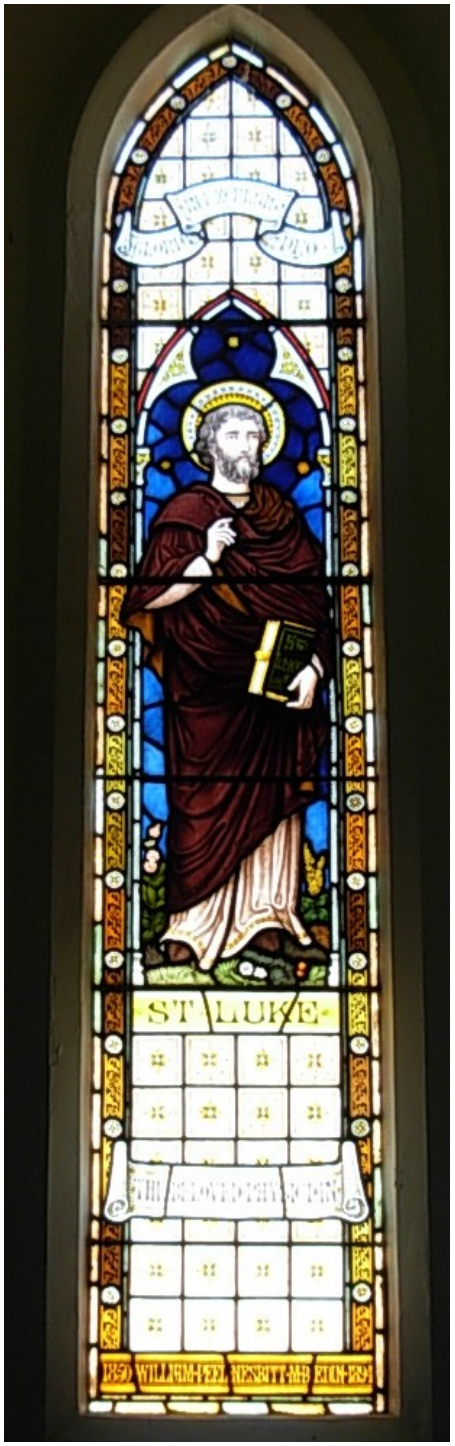
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St. Johannes (Saint John)

Inscription
'In loving memory of
John Chesters Sandland
dearly beloved husband of
Caroline Sandland
died at Koonoona Station, Burra
12 Dec. 1909.'

Built by H. L. Vosz of Adelaide in 1912

The Sandland family owned Koonoona Station a sheep property**.**



7

St. Luke

‘The Beloved Physician’

Inscription
‘1850
William Peel Nesbitt M.B. Edin.
1894’

Dedicated to the memory of
Dr. William Nesbitt who died in 1894,
this window was made by
Montgomery and Grimby of Adelaide
in 1895

Dr. Nesbitt was the physician who
practiced in Burra for many years.



15

St. Francis of Assisi

Inscription
‘To the Glory of God and in memory of
Grace Mabel Barker,
beloved wife of
John Robert Barker
died 29th April 1953.’

The Barker family were graziers, known
locally as the ‘Barkers of Baldina.’



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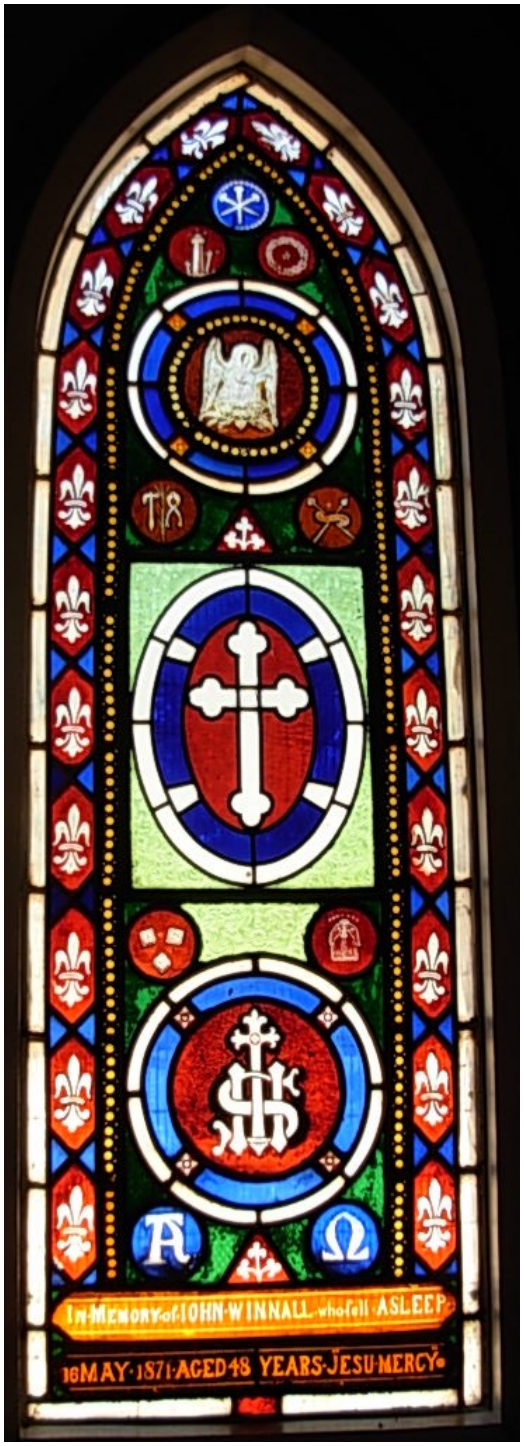
St. Peter

Inscription
'To the Glory of God and in loving memory
of
John Bailey,
died 9th Oct. 1913
and
Elizabeth Dinah Bailey
died April 17 1920.'

"Grant that they may rest in peace."

This window was crafted by Jones and Willis of London in 1921

John Bailey was a farmer of Gum Creek



8

The Sanctuary window

Memorial to John Winnall

This window is from the original St. Mary's Church (1849). It was made by Edward Brooks of Adelaide in 1873, using zinc cames and the roundel technique. It is dedicated to John Winnall, the storekeeper, who arrived in the 1850s and died in 1871.

Both this window and the Children's Window are of great historic interest and were transferred to this church building in 1879.

Inscription
'In memory of
John Winnall
who fell asleep
16 May 1871
aged 48 years'





13

St. Michael
(The Archangel)

Inscription
'To the Glory of God and in loving memory
of
William Pitt Barker
of 'Baldina'
died 17th Feb. 1914.
(Given by Mrs. F. R. Wigley)

William Pitt Barker, the owner of a sheep run at Baldina, was one of Burra's great benefactors.

This window was made by James Powell of Whitefriars, London



12

Jesus of Nazareth

This window depicts the young Jesus in the carpenter's workshop appearing to bear the Cross, with his mother Mary and his father Joseph in the background.

Inscription
'Glory to God and in memory of
Waldemar Gaskell Hawkes,
born 1863 died 1941
and
Isabella Hawkes
born 1864 died 1938.'

The Hawkes family owned Koonoona Station a sheep run in the district.
W. G. Hawkes was a councillor and member of the Burra Hospital Board for many years.

Built in 1963 by Brooks-Robinson

9

The Great East Window
(behind the Altar)

This windows depicts the Crucifixion

Inscriptions
'St. Mary Beloved Virgin - It is Finished - St. John'

'To the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Margaret McEwin,
beloved wife of Alexander McCulloch
who departed this life 2nd April 1881 Aged 67
and
Alexander McCulloch
husband of the above
who died Oct. 16 1890 Aged 80.
This window is erected by their sons and daughters.'

The McCulloch family owned Princess Royal Station, a property south of the township of Kooringa.

Made by Jones and Willis of London
1892



10

And Martha Served Jesus

This window depicts Martha washing the feet of Jesus as Mary looks on.

Inscription
'In loving memory of
Martha Anne Lewis.
Died 1894
erected by her husband and children.'

Built in 1895, the makers of this window were Montgomery and Grimby

Martha's husband, John Lewis, MLC was a pastoralist and businessman in the agriculture industry and one of Burra's benefactors.



11

Jesus the Light of the World

This window depicting Jesus knocking on the door seeking entry into a person's heart was made by H. L. Vosz of Adelaide

Inscription
'To the Glory of God
and in memory of
Kathleen Euston Cain
wife of
Alexander Ruan Cain
who departed this life
May 21 1911.'