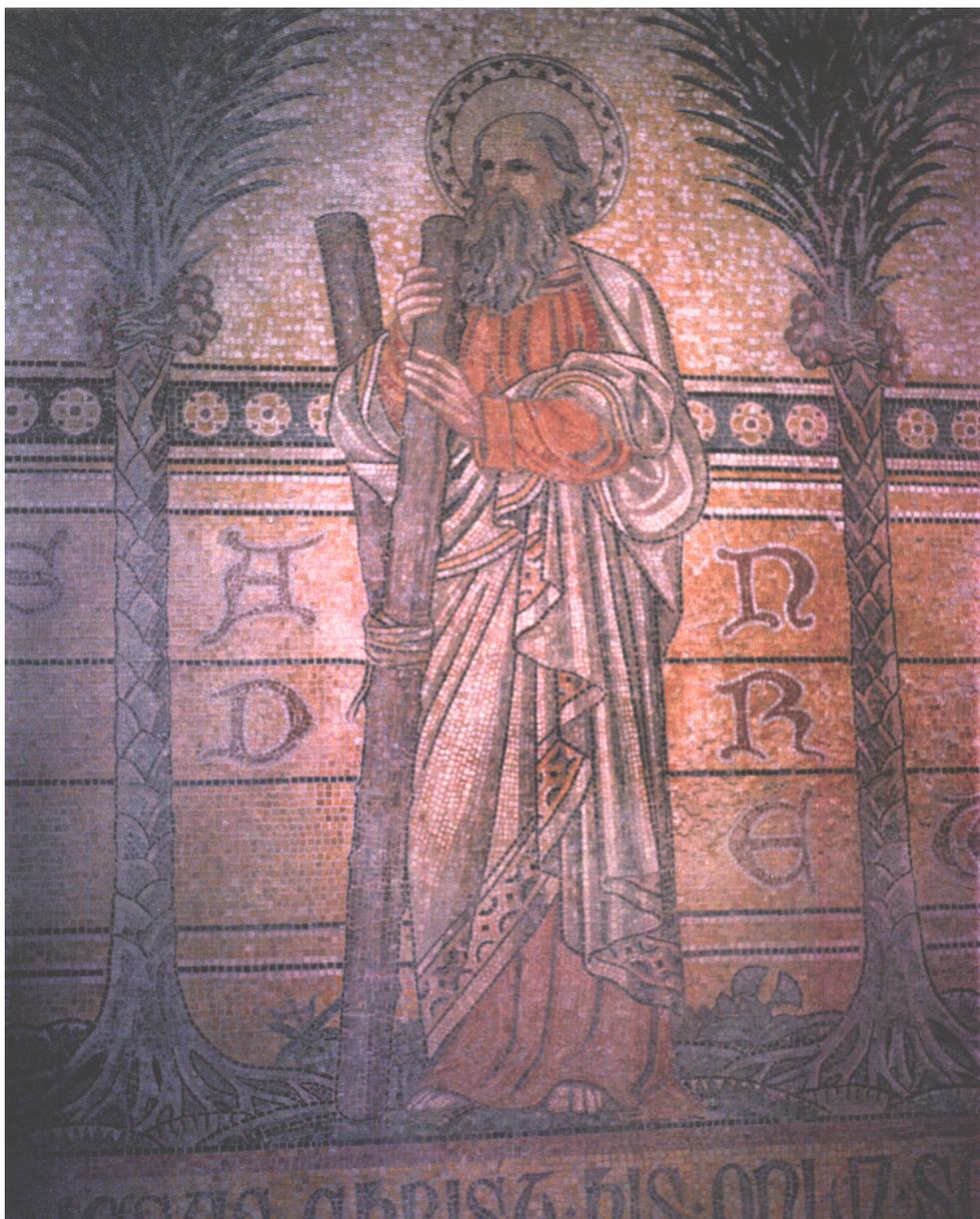


THE MOSAICS AT SAINT ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH WEST TARRING



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S. ANDREW'S MOSAICS RESTORATION PROJECT

- Installed in 1884 and 1885 by the Rector, Dr Henry Bailey, the mosaics adorn the north, south and west walls of the nave.
- Based on the notion that the Early English nave is a 'twelve-apostle-arch' construction, the two-tiered mosaics depict the twelve apostles, supported in the lower tier by medallions portraying the Patriarchs of Israel. The two tiers are divided by a band, which contains the Apostles Creed.
- Each apostle figure is 6 feet high, and stands within a panel measuring 11.5 feet by 9 feet. The panels are decorated with fruiting palms and stars.
- Each of the apostles is identified, not only by name, but by those emblems traditionally associated with them.
- The mosaics were designed by William Butterfield; his inspiration was mosaics he viewed in Ravenna. There are striking stylistic similarities between the mosaics at West Tarring and those in the Basilica S. Apollinare Nuovo in Northern Italy.
- Under the supervision of Butterfield, the work was carried out by a Hammersmith based firm, Burke & Co., who employed an itinerant band of Italian mosaicists to construct the actual mosaics.
- Immediately after completion, the work, financed by public subscription, attracted many visitors to Saint Andrew's.
- A final mosaic was intended for the wall over the chancel arch, showing Christ in Glory, flanked by Saint Andrew and Saint Peter. It was never made, due to lack of funding.
- In 1998, Saint Andrew's PCC set up a project to clean and restore the mosaics – essential if the mosaics, which are already showing signs of deterioration, are to be preserved for the local community, as well as the nation. The cost is likely to be in the region of £50,000.

For more information about the mosaics and the project to restore them, please contact David Maddock – telephone Worthing (01903) 262815.

If you want to view the mosaics outside our normal church service times, please contact David Maddock (tel. no. as above).