St Columba



Brief description: Stained glass light of St Columba. St Columba is depicted standing, with inscribed halo, dark cloak and brooch, holding a jewelled book and a crozier. Made by Karl Parsons in the Arts and Crafts tradition, 1913.

St. Columba was an Irish abbot, who is credited with spreading Christianity to Scotland. He is depicted here in a white robe and dark cloak, fastened at the neck by a brooch. He carries a crozier (a stylised shepherd's staff, symbolising he is an abbot), and an elaborately decorated bible. A dove, perhaps representing the Holy Spirit, rests on his shoulder. His skilfully painted face has him looking humbly downwards, and his head is crowned by a labelled halo. He stands on the shore, presumably of Scotland, with a rippling blue sea and pinkish dawn sky behind him.

Object type: window

Number of objects: 1

Production date: 1913

Production period: 20th century, early

Designer: Karl Parsons

Manufacturer: Parsons, Karl 1884=1934

Dimensions: Height: 742mm, Width: 240 mm

Inscription: on halo of Saint ST COLUMBA

Original location: St Michael Sulhamstead Berkshire England

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