Daniel in the Lion's Den



Brief description: Small oval stained glass panel depicting Daniel in the Lion's Den, dating from the mid 16th century and likely made in the Southern Low Countries (present day Belgium, Luxembourg and parts of France).

This scene shows the biblical story of Daniel, who was sentenced to death and thrown into a pit of lions, but was saved from the lion's den because God sent an angel to rescue him. In this scene Daniel is shown in chains in a dark den with four lions. Human bones are shown at his feet. Above, we see an angel lifting Daniel away, compressing his narrative into one image. The stylised lions suggest that the artist had never seen an accurate portrayal of these animals. They are more like heraldic lions and have elements of other animals, including horses and dogs. The panel is painted using glass pigment (grisaille), coloured enamels and silver-stain.

Object type: panel

Number of objects: 1

Production date: 1

Production period: 16th century, mid

Dimensions: Height: 260 mm, Width: 210 mm

Original location: Gisburne Park Clitheroe Lancashire England lobby

Acquisition: purchase 4.2010

Acquisition source: Monastery Stained Glass

Bibliographical references: J.T. Brighton, 'William Peckitt's Commission Book, The Walpole Society Vol. 54 (1988), pp. 343-344.

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