

Stained Glass Windows

North Aisle, Window #1, The Little Rose Window



Continuing with our St. Paul's stained-glass windows series, the next window is the little rose window located over the northeast exit doors near the Peace Altar. Again, I thank and take the information from a booklet entitled This Is St. Paul's, Stained Glass Windows, by Lester G. Wells, St. Paul's Historiographer, 1965.

In October, 1909, a young priest, a native of Barbados, and his wife, came to St. Paul's as an Associate Rector. The Rector of St. Paul's at this time was Canadian Reverend James E. Empringham. Father Reed was 26 years old, had studied at Trinity College, Toronto, and had engaged in pastoral work there until his appointment to St. Paul's.

He and his wife were given use of an apartment in the newly finished Lockwood Memorial Parish House. When Mr. Empringham went to Europe in the early summer of 1910, Curate Reed had charge of the parish. On August 4, 1910 he died of tropical malaria. A memorial service was held on August 8, at which a close friend, the Rev. J. Malcolm-Smith of Baldwinsville officiated. The Vestry expressed sorrow at his death and paid high tribute to his "character, spirituality, and effective work at St. Paul's". In 1919, the earlier proposed memorial to him took fruition when the charming little rose window was installed – "the gift of friends". This is called a "rose" window because it is circular in shape, not referring to the color. It is a beautiful little window!

