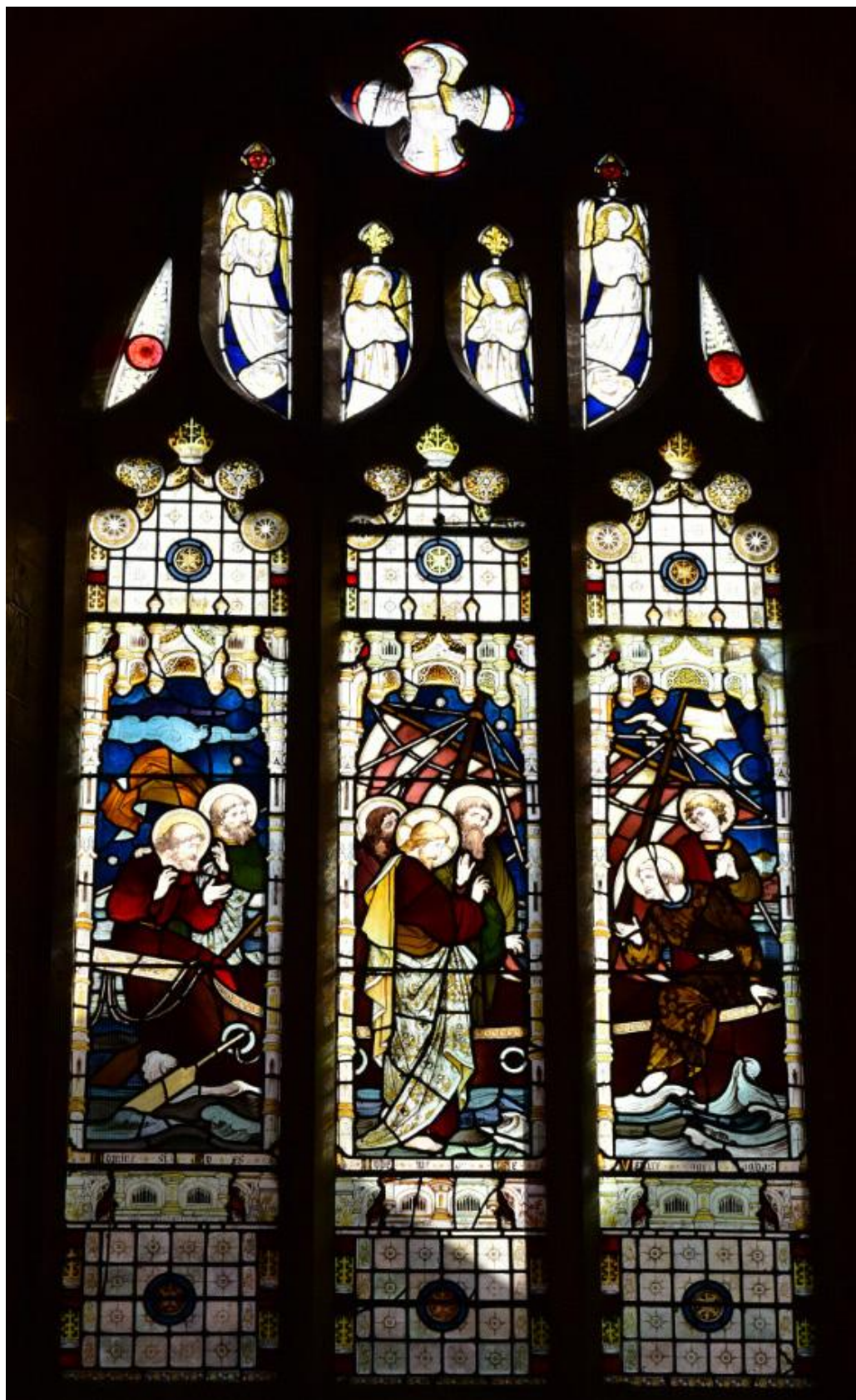


## St Mary's Church, Walton, Clevedon – Memorial Window to Walter Cornish

Walter Cornish was the second son of the Reverend Charles Lewis Cornish, the founder of Walton Lodge School. Following the death of his father in 1870 Walter assumed the headship of the school, but his tenure was brief; whilst on a voyage for his health he died in the Mediterranean on his way to Egypt on 24 February 1873. This event is commemorated by a memorial window above the altar in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's.



The window depicts the account in the Gospel of St Matthew (chapter 14 verses 22-33) which describes Jesus walking on the waters of the Sea of Galilee. The Latin text below the pictures, taken from verse 28, is:

*Domine si Tu es Iube me ad Te Venire super aquas*

which translates as "Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water."

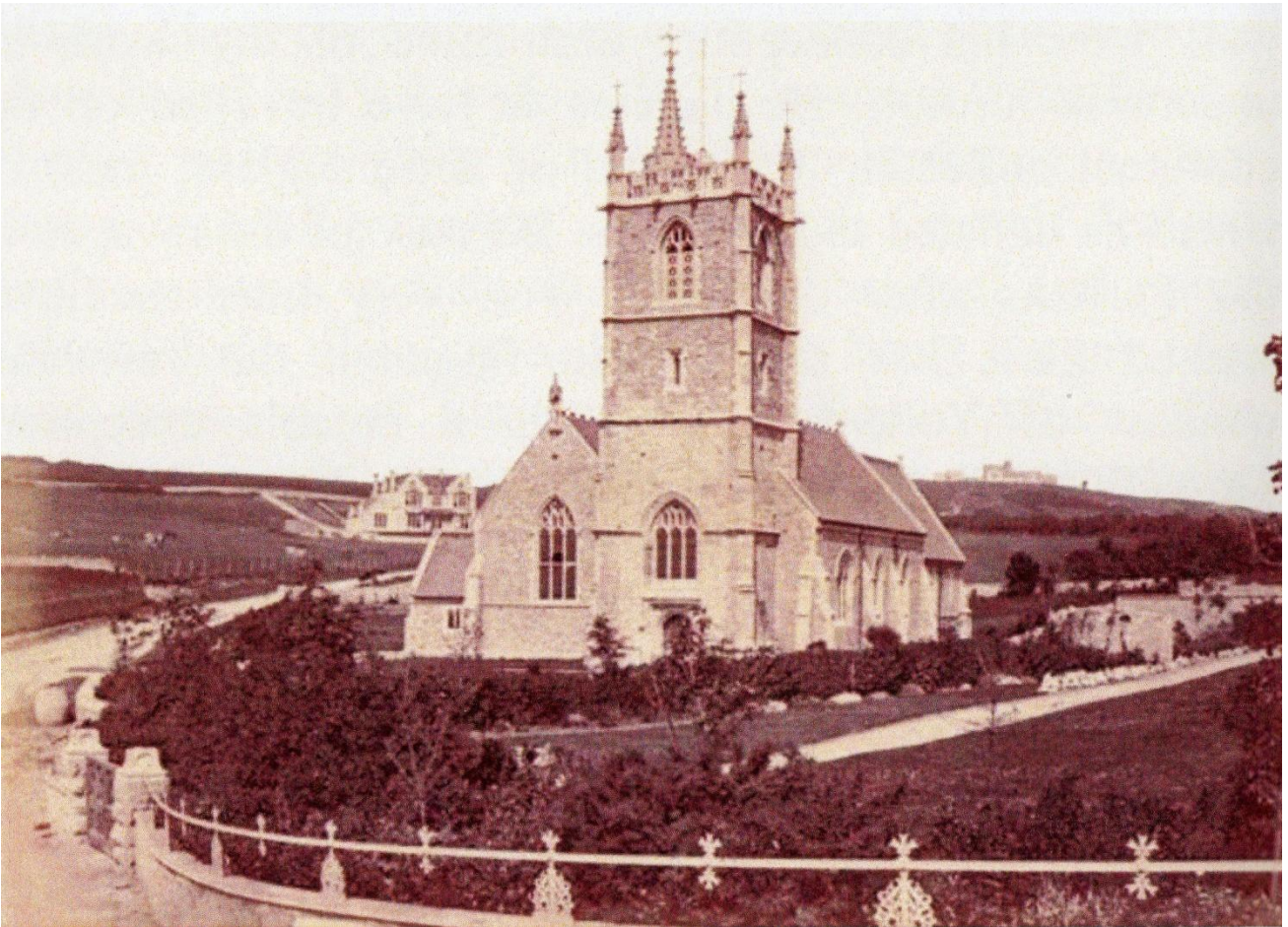


A description of the window and its content is given in the booklet *A Guide to St Mary's Walton*, a history of the church written by William King.

He goes on to reveal that there is a second window in memory of the Reverend Walter Cornish, located in the south wall of the nave, and a third window dedicated to him in St Paul's Church, Weston-in-Gordano.

Mr King also refers to the fact that the side windows in the chancel were given by the Reverend Charles Lewis Cornish, and mention is made of the reredos being given by former pupils of Walton Lodge as a memorial to his eldest son, Charles Edward Cornish, who became Vicar of St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol and subsequently Bishop of Grahamstown, South Africa.

The booklet contains further references to both Walton Lodge and the Cornish family, and contains a photograph of the church after its rebuilding was completed in 1870, with Walton Lodge visible in the background on the left (see overleaf).



Grateful thanks to the staff of St Mary's Church, Walton for their kind permission to reproduce the photograph above and for providing the photograph of the Lady Chapel window.