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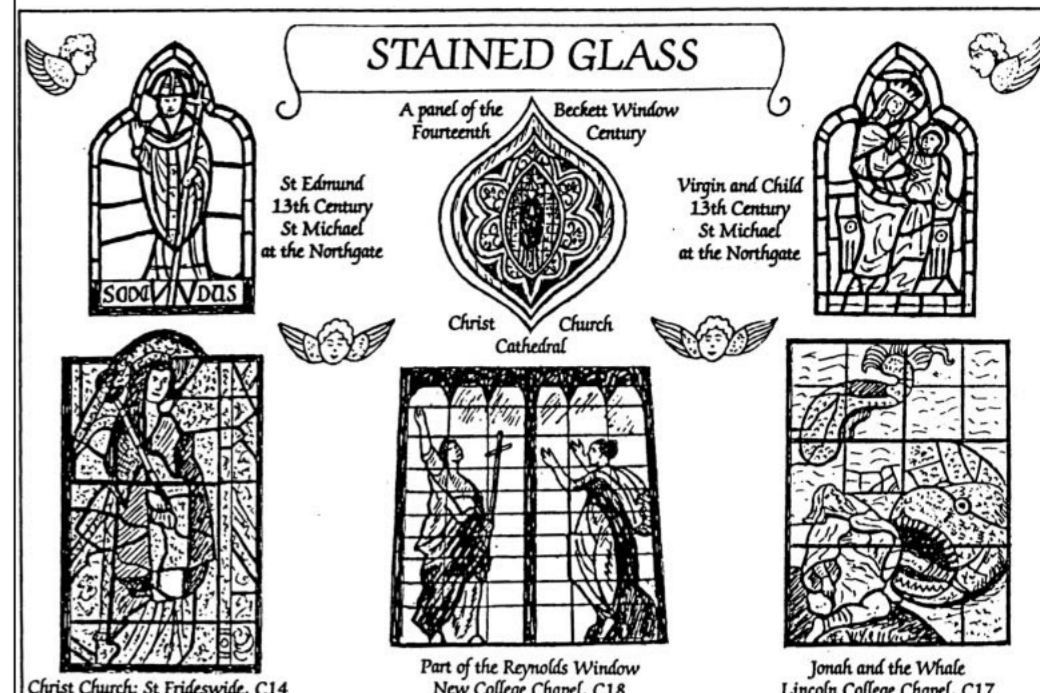
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2. The Becket window, in the Lucy Chapel of the Cathedral, commemorates the martyrdom of Thomas of Canterbury. This is the story: as a young man, Thomas was a close friend and useful supporter to Henry II, and looked set for a dazzling career at Court until his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury.

As Head of the Church, Thomas felt morally bound to oppose the king on many matters, and in a rage Henry asked who would rid him of this turbulent priest. Four over-zealous barons took him at his word and murdered Thomas while he was at prayer in his own Cathedral.

3. The Reynolds window in New College brings us to the eighteenth century. The glass is not stained, but enamelled, i.e. plain glass was painted using transparent enamel paint. A shepherd in the top left corner is a self-portrait. The upper and central panels contain the Virgin, Christ, Joseph and angels. The idea was to make all the light proceed from the central figure of Christ in the manger.

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REVIEW: THEATRE

H.M.S. Pinafore & Trial by Jury

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Oxford Operatic Society

The Playhouse, to Saturday 1st

Who says that light opera is dead? Here is a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* that proves with élan and elegance how much fun these classics can be even in the 21st century!

The team of the Oxford Operatic Society, headed by director Andrew Walter, have once more shown their ability to perform on an artistic level that might well be called professional. Both the twenty-minute farce *Trial by Jury*, in which a poor seduced woman is saved from her wretched position by marrying the Learned Judge, and the full-length *H.M.S. Pinafore*, which celebrates the self-esteem of English sailors, are thoroughly good pieces of musical and theatrical performance. Musical director David Hebdon deserves special praise for the utterly reliable and ever-present orchestra.

Among the singers of *Trial by Jury*, Julie Todd (as the Plaintiff), Dave Crewe (the Defendant) and Jonathan Cooper (Counsel for the Plaintiff and a great comic talent) featured as prominent voices. The performers of *H.M.S. Pinafore* at least equalled the first part of the evening: John Wilkes presented a suitably posh and high-browed Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., whilst Richard McGlone was a brilliant cast for Ralph Rackstraw. Charlie Ross and Danny O'Brien did a great job as good and bad guy among the sailors - and sung very reliably! Louise Woodward gave a charming Buttercup. Yet the stars of the evening were undeniably Sarah Leatherbarrow as Josephine (a magnificent voice) and Kerri Williams as Captain Corcoran - both a great singer and a highly charismatic actor.

If you have an evening to spare this week, go and see this double-bill - if you are not yet a G&S fan, you might become one.

Michael Sommer 26/11/2001