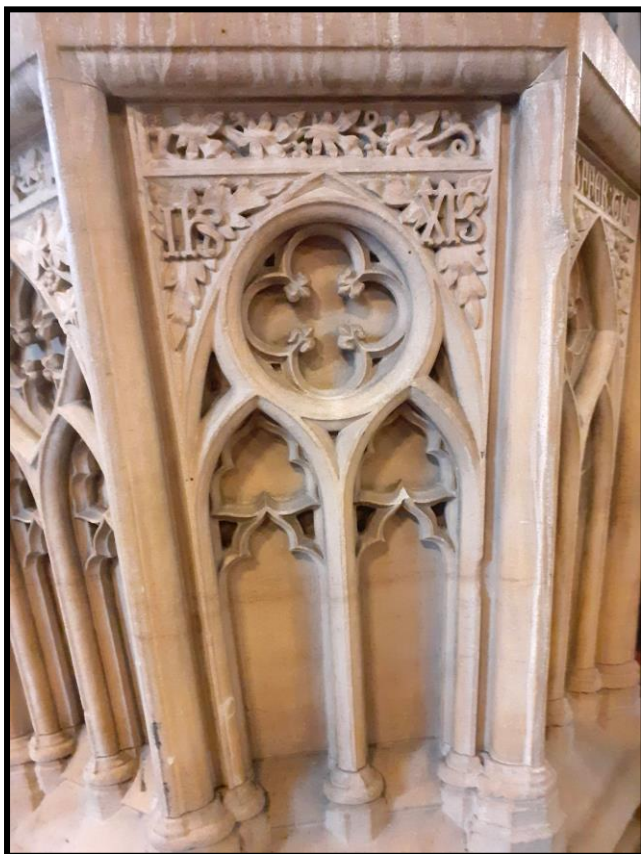


## The BAPTISMAL FONT



The font is octagonal in design and is made of limestone, elaborately carved, with a bronze basin.

Around it is the inscription

*Suffer the / little children / to come unto me / and forbid them not, / for of such is / the Kingdom/ of God* (Mark 10.14)

Near the top left corner there is the monogram (or 'Christogram') **IHS** representing the Holy Name of Jesus. It is taken from the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek, which have been latinised to "IHS." It stands for: *Iesus Hominum Salvator*, meaning "Jesus, the Saviour of Mankind." The monogram frequently appears in liturgical art and architecture, and can be seen especially on vestments.

In the top right corner are the letters **XIS**. This may represent the name **Christus**.

The first Baptism to take place in the church was on **5 July 1846**, just 3 days after it had been consecrated. It was for **John Harrison**, the son of John Harrison and Sarah Georgiana (née Temperley). John had been born on 26 August 1845. His father was a Canal Agent and the ceremony was carried out by the Rev. Charles Cameron, M.A., Perpetual Curate.

| <b>BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Worsley</u></b>       |                         |                   |   |         |                                |                                     |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>in the County of <u>Lancaster</u> in the Year 18<u>46</u></b> |                         |                   |   |         |                                |                                     |
| When Baptised.   | Child's Christian Name. | Parent's Name.    |   | Abode.  | Quality, Trade, or Profession. | By whom the Ceremony was performed. |
|  |                         | Christian.        | Surname.  |         |                                |                                     |
| 1846<br>July<br>5 <sup>th</sup>                                  | John<br>son of          | John<br>Temperley | Harrison<br>(born August 26 <sup>th</sup> 1845) | Worsley | Canal Agent                    | Charles Cameron<br>Perpetual Curate |
| No. 1  |                         |                   |   |         |                                |                                     |
| 1846   |                         |                   |   |         |                                |                                     |

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John emigrated with his parents to Tasmania, where his mother *Sarah Georgiana* died on 21 March 1873. John married Ann Rebecca Page in Tasmania on 18 January 1877 but sadly died of pneumonia on 5 April 1879. His father *John* had died on 21 March 1878, aged 69.