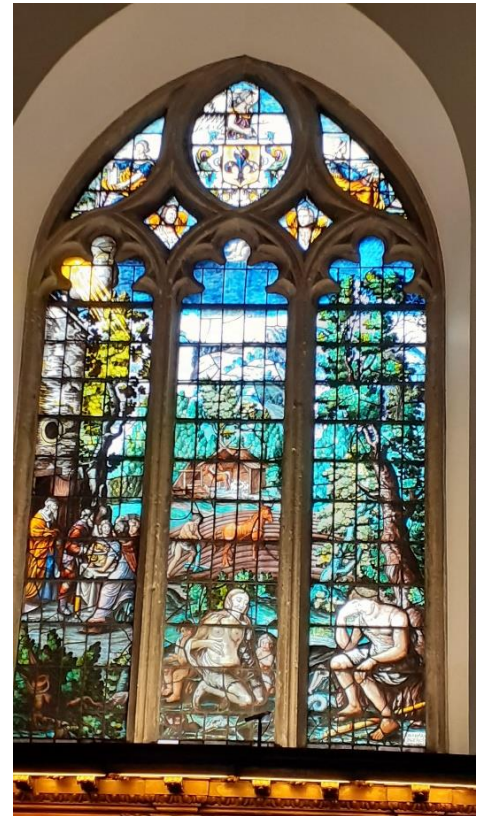


Oxford University - Van Linge Windows

Tuesday 9th July saw a small group of St Mary's volunteers travel to Oxford to meet Professor Mark Kirby of Lincoln College. He is researching Abraham Van Linge windows and after visiting St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze, he agreed to show us several renowned windows around the university.

We started in Lincoln College chapel where there are twelve apostles and twelve prophets plus the stunning typological east window. Mark gave an in-depth talk explaining both the technical process of making the glass as well as the subject and meaning of each window. These windows were his earliest Oxford work completed between 1629 and 1631. Recently restored they are in superb condition.

After this we visited University College where their archivist Stephen joined us to add further detail to the information given. These later windows completed in 1641-2 are his last Oxford commission. Each window here is treated as a 'whole' rather than individually containing one figure in each section of the window like the earlier Lincoln windows. An interesting contrast and excellent development of his work.



A superb lunch at the rooftop restaurant of the Ashmolean gave much needed sustenance before setting off to view the work of Abraham's older brother, Bernard Van Linge in Wadham College chapel.

An excellent visit which has added much to our knowledge and understanding of the work of this famous stained-glass artist.

We look forward to Mark's book on the subject due to be published in 2027.

