



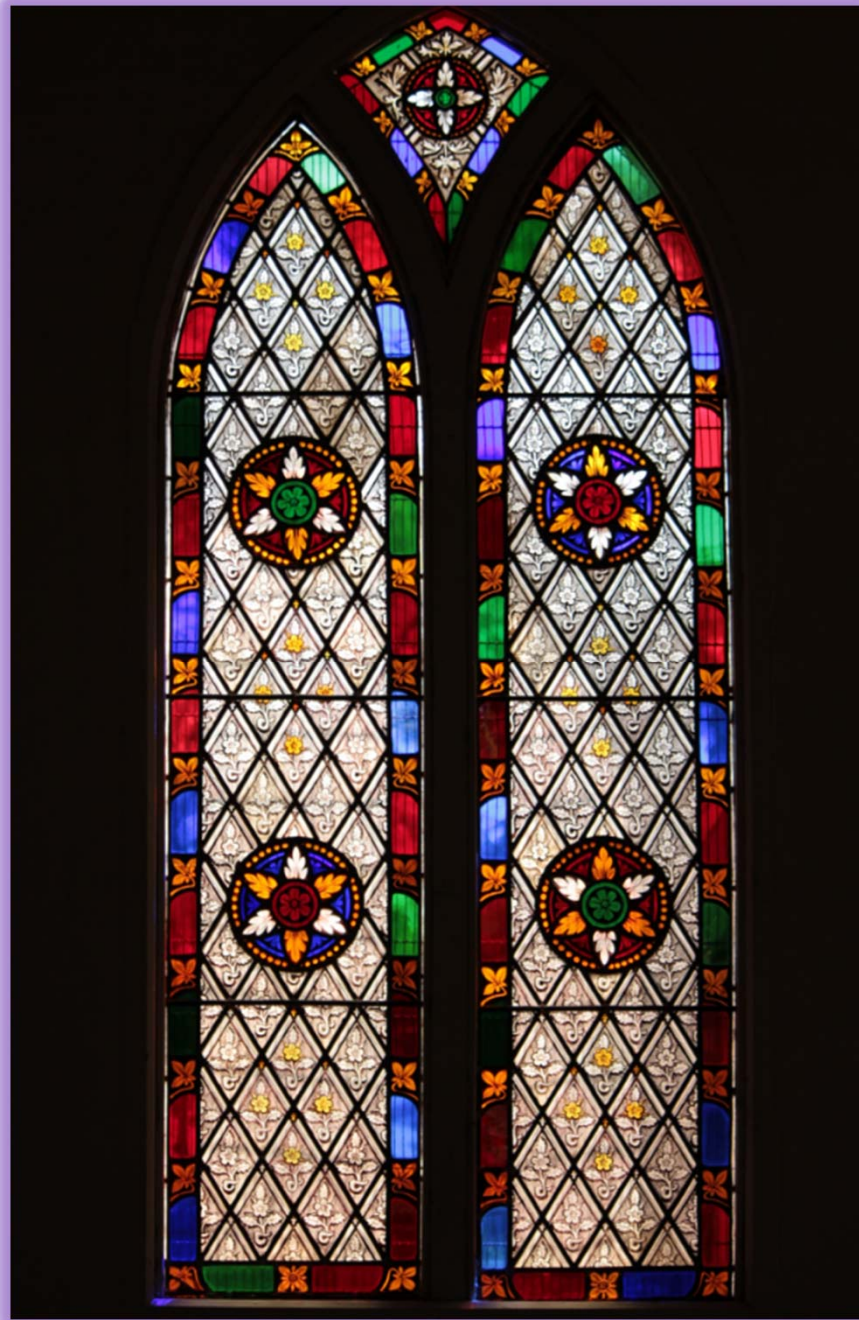
## The Ferguson & Urie Stained Glass Window of St Margaret's Church, Eltham, Victoria

The foundation stone for St Margaret's was laid on the 4th of April 1861 and was built by George Stebbings to the designs of architect Nathaniel Billing. The Church was opened and dedicated on the 12 December 1861 and consecrated by the Rt.Rev. Bishop Thornton of Ballarat on the 16th of May 1876.

In 2000, St Margaret's received a grant of \$12000 from Heritage Victoria to restore all the windows in the church and during the renovations, a Dossal erected behind the altar in 1935, was removed to reveal the historic Ferguson & Urie stained glass window which no one had seen for over 65 years.

The church archives has a letter to the Church Committee from Melbourne Stained Glass Manufacturers Ferguson and Urie dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1861 which details the progress of the window. This places the window as one of the earliest extant stained glass examples by Ferguson & Urie and was reported to have cost one pound.





## St Margaret's Eltham

One of the earliest extant stained glass windows made by Melbourne firm Ferguson & Urie circa November 1861.