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Jessie's legacy is new stained glass window

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WORK has begun on a new stained glass window at a Rothwell church thanks to a generous donation from a former member of the congregation.

When teacher Jessie Cleaver died in 2004 she left £50,000 in her will to the parochial church council, asking for a stained glass window to be installed in Holy Trinity Church in Rothwell.

Mrs Cleaver's wishes are to be carried out and work to install the Jessie Cleaver Memorial Window - the subject of which is Jesus and the Children - began at the church yesterday.

Canon George Burgon from the church is now hoping to hear from people who knew the former teacher, who was in her 90s when she died in a nursing home, so that anecdotes and stories shared by her friends and acquaintances can be put together for the church records.

Canon Burgon said: "She was a lovable eccentric in

many ways and a great member of the community. All of the information we gather about Jessie and the background of the window will go on display in Rothwell Arts and Heritage Centre."

The PCC appointed Helen Whittaker of York's Barley Studios to be the artist and designer, and her submitted design was then approved by them, the diocese and English Heritage.

Canon Burgon said: "I've seen the sketches and it's very exciting, very vibrant. It is a great addition to the church, and art in this community."

The window will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at a ceremony at 11am on Saturday, October 27, in the south aisle chapel of Holy Trinity Church, in High Street, Rothwell.

The work will include a slate plaque in memory of Mrs Cleaver and a brass plate recording her gift.

Mrs Cleaver's donation has also enabled the church to continue restoration of pointing to the east wall of the south aisle, as well as improvements to the stone tracery of the windows.



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