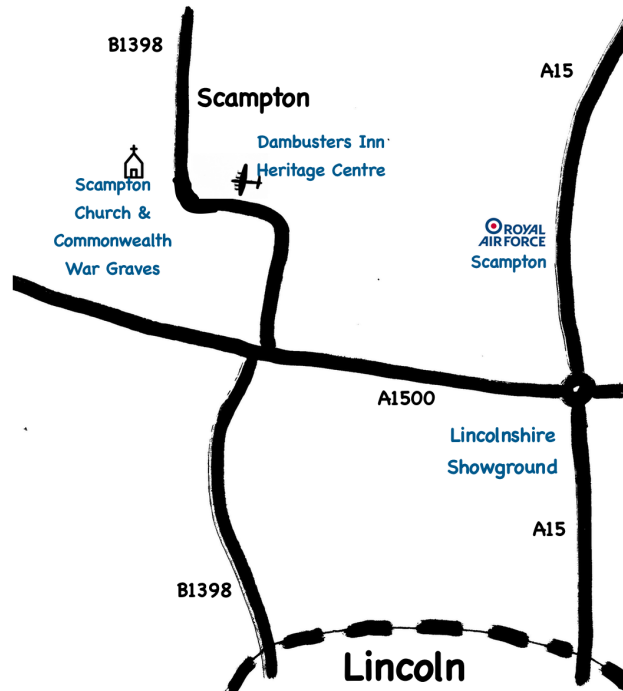




**RAF Scampton
Commemorative Window**

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Scampton Church's **ROYAL AIR FORCE** Commemorative Stained Glass Windows



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The window was designed by Claire Williamson, and is created as a meaningful tribute to all who have served at RAF Scampton during the station's service through two world wars and the cold war (1916 – 2022).

The design is made up of an amalgamation of four windows: the two main windows are linked by an aerial view of RAF Scampton. The runway is placed diagonally across them. (See if you can identify the parking bays and the diverted A15 at the end of the runway). The smoke tracers from the Red Arrows also assist in uniting the windows to create a connected concept. The rosary window illustrates 'the dove of peace' and the teardrop the RAF roundel.

The window took two years to create and contains 380 hand painted pieces of glass, all combining to create the rich heritage of RAF Scampton, from the diamond formation of The Red Arrows to the iconic Lancaster Bomber and the Vulcan. The aircraft do not have individual markings, other than the RAF roundel, as they represent aircraft from all of the squadrons that have served at the station.

There are two badges on the window: the RAF badge (Per Ardua Ad Astra) which is surmounted by the King's crown, as on the 64 Commonwealth War Graves in the church yard. The RAF Scampton badge has the Queen's crown, which reflects the insignia on the 43 graves of RAF personnel who died on active service.

A commemorative book, containing dedications written by the window's sponsors, sits on the oak RAF lectern beneath the window

The window was installed on 15th June 2021 and dedicated by Rt Revd Dr David Court (Bishop of Grimsby) on 5th September 2022.



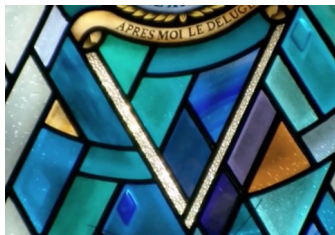
This window, designed by Claire Williamson, was dedicated on the 5th September 2022 marking the closure of RAF Scampton

Plaque unveiled by Group Captain James Parker
and Wing Commander Neill Atkins
OC RAF Scampton

617 (Dambusters) Squadron Commemorative Window

Designed by Claire Williamson, the window completes the tribute to RAF Scampton along the south side of the Nave at Scampton Church.

It features the badge of this iconic squadron, alongside the Bomber Command badge. Beneath the badges shine two converging beams of yellow fused glass which represent the floodlights beneath the Lancasters during Operation Chastise.



The crushed fused glass beneath the floodlights represents the water.

The airman with bowed head next to a cross is one of the figures within the Bomber Command memorial in Green Park, London. Seven silhouettes of Lancasters appear in the upper reaches of the window. The four in dark colour represent those crews who did not return from Operation Chastise. All Lancaster silhouettes are flying towards the RAF Scampton Commemorative Window which features the runway. The call signs of all 19 Lancasters on the mission are included in the window. (Can you find them?)

The poppies pay tribute to all those who have fallen whilst serving in Bomber Command, and the estimated 1,600 people who lost their lives as a result of the Operation Chastise mission.

The window was installed on 6th February 2023 and dedicated by the Revd Canon Alyson Buxton on 23rd March 2023 (the 80th Anniversary of the formation of 617 Squadron at RAF Scampton).



RAF Scampton was the birthplace of 617 (Dambusters) Squadron. This window, designed by Claire Williamson, is a tribute to the dedication, skill and sacrifice shown by those who served in that squadron, and with Bomber Command there. The window is also in memory of the 561 personnel lost from the station during WW2 and the estimated 1,600 people who lost their lives as a result of Operation Chastise.

Plaque unveiled by Richard Bartlam
Sqn Ldr Johnny Johnson's (The Last Dambuster)



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