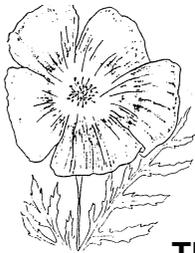


The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Welling



Remembrance Sunday
8th November 2020
10.40am



including
The Rededication of the War Memorial
and
The Two Minutes Silence



The Welling War Memorial – A Short History

The War Memorial was originally located outside the old tin church near the site of Welling Library but was moved in the early 1930s to its current home, in the grounds of St John the Evangelist Church, Danson Lane, Welling.

An additional plinth was added (date unknown) to record the names of those lost in the second world war.

The Memorial has been moved twice within the church grounds - firstly in the 1950s when the current vicarage was built and secondly, to its current position, in the late 1970s when the Jubilee Hall was built.

The memorial was unveiled on

Sunday 20th March 1921

by

General Edmund Phipps-Hornby.



In its original location

Before renovation

After renovation



At the War Memorial

***“Greater love has no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends if you do as I command you.”***

John 15:13-14

Introduction

We have gathered around the Welling War Memorial today to remember with thanks before God, and to commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in time of war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have died in the service of mankind; and our wreaths will be laid in their memory.

Particularly remembering those who died locally from the two world wars, we will rededicate this War Memorial following its recent renovation.

Opening Hymn

We come to You, O Lord our God,
Bringing our thanks for mercies past:
For battles done and blessings shared,
For those who served and put self last.
And now we ask forgiveness, Lord,
For sins which stain our nation’s soul.
Grant us Your pardon and Your peace.
Come, heal our land and make us whole.

Help us to guard the gift of peace,
Hope of the brave who fought and died.
May neighbours live in harmony
And races flourish side by side.
Peace on the earth, in homes and hearts;
Let battles cease and barriers fall.
Peace with our God through Jesus Christ,
The Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

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Confession and Absolution

We make our confession together:

Almighty God and heavenly Father, Lord of all people and nations, we confess with shame the things that we have done wrong in our own lives both in public and in private. We confess our lack of love for you and for our neighbour; we have broken your laws. Save us from all hatred and bitterness of thought, word and deed so that we may be more like your Son. Bring us in repentance and faith to His cross, and teach us to forgive as we are forgiven, and to live lives which are pleasing to you. Amen.

May Almighty God, who has promised to forgive all who sincerely repent of their sins and believe in His Son Jesus Christ, mercifully grant *you* the pardon of *your* sins, peace in *your* hearts, strength in his service and everlasting life. **Amen.**

Creed

We say together in faith:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
**for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit -
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so, come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Rededication of the War Memorial

As we come to rededicate this War Memorial, which was originally located near the site of Welling Library and unveiled nearly a century ago in March 1921, the church gives thanks to **Stephen P Gay Memorials Ltd** for carrying out the work and the **East Wickham & Welling War Memorial Trust** (EWWWMT) for funding the work.



The Rededication



We rededicate this Memorial
to the memory of those who lived and died for their country
and whose names are recorded here.
May their sacrifice never be taken for granted or forgotten.

A Few Words

Nigel Betts (Trustees' Chairman)



Hymn (Spoken by All)

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| <p>1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:</p> | <p>4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.</p> |
| <p>2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.</p> | <p>5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.</p> |
| <p>3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.</p> | <p>6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.</p> |

Words: Isaac Watts

The Laying of the Wreath(s)

We now lay our wreath in memory of those who have died in the service of mankind.



*The wreath from
the East Wickham & Welling War Memorial Trust
will be laid.*



A Time of Reflection

In silence, we now reflect on the ninety-six names from both World Wars listed on the Welling War Memorial – remembering with gratitude their courage and devotion.

Welling War Memorial – First World War Names

Private **Harold Anderson** (19)
Corporal **John David Anderson** (26)
Rifleman **Charles William Bayliss** (37)
Corporal **William Bingham** (27)
Rifleman **John Henry Brownlow** (20)

Private **Charles Carpenter** (23)
Stoker 1st Class **George Henry Case** (40)
Private **Alexander John Chatten** (31)
Private **Ernest Leigh Clayton** (24)
Rifleman **David Collins** (37)

Private **Norcliffe Crossley** (26)
Corporal **Thomas Dacey** (30)
Able Seaman **Sidney Alfred Dinmore** (28)
Private **Thomas Richard Dinmore** (18)
Private **John Charles Fairweather** (19)

Private **Percy Giles** (19)
Private **Frederick Thomas Goodwright** (17)
Stoker **Arthur Frederick Haxell** (19)
Private **William Charles Edward Henshall** (21)
Private **Stanley Alexander Hull** (21)

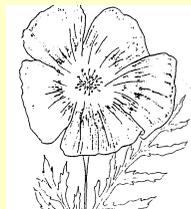
Private **William Alfred Janes** (19)
Private **Frank Anning Kirby** (23)
Rifleman **Herbert Henry Kirby** (29)
Rifleman **George William Mills** (19)
Able Seaman **William Mills** (36)

Private **James Moore** (19)
Rifleman **Walter Frederick Payne** (19)
V Phillips (*Details Unknown*)
Gunner **William John Pooley** (27)
Private **Harry Price** (28)

Chief Stoker **Samuel Purdy** (47)
J Ricketts (*Details Unknown*)
Private **Edward Russell** (22)
Private **William Reuben Scudder** (45)
Able Seaman **Frederick Richard Sell** (22)

Private **Frank Smith** (26)
Private **Walter George Spencer** (27)
Gunner **James Steel** (23)
Private **Stephen Joseph Steel** (30)
Private **Alfred Bertie Steward** (28)

Petty Officer **Ernest Steward** (30)
Rifleman **Raymond Tritton Storer** (21)
Sapper **Frederick James Weatherley** (40)
Private **George White** (*N/K*)



Welling War Memorial – Second World War Names

Lance Corporal **Eric E Blackshaw** (24)
Sergeant **Frederick J Blenkinsopp** (21)
Sergeant **James R Blunt** (24)
Stoker **William A Brackell** (19)
Petty Officer **William J Brian** (22)

Flying Officer **Eric J L Carpenter** (21)
Lance Corporal **William R Driscoll** (30)
Sergeant **Kenneth V H Mayle** (20)
Pilot Officer **Raymond V Newlyn** (21)
Flight Sergeant **Robert H Norman** (24)

Sergeant **Leslie C Peacock** (20)
Ordinary Seaman **Alfred R Read** (18)
Lance Corporal **Robert W Sayers** (26)
Ordinary Seaman **Walter E Selby** (19)
Lance Corporal **William G Speer** (19)

Ordinary Seaman **Walter F Targett** (19)
Aircraftman **Harold Traverse** (20)
Flight Sergeant **Ronald E Turner** (22)
Trooper **William G J Wickham** (22)
Sergeant **Norman S Wilding** (26)

Private **Alfred A Buckley** (23)
Gunner **George E Buckley** (29)
Gunner **Alfred E H Cooper** (30)
Sergeant **Eric C Day** (21)
Flight Sergeant **Robert W Diss** (21)

Private **Bruce C Dogan** (20)
Sergeant **Eric J Easton** (19)
Section Officer **Joan M Easton** (26)
Able Seaman **Richard Ellwood** (38)
Gunner **Frederick T Foy** (31)

Squadron Leader **Leslie Hatcher** (26)
Driver **Leslie Hawkes** (25)
Sergeant **Peter D Head** (21)
Ordinary Seaman **Frank G Higgs** (21)
Private **Raymond Hodges** (19)

Sergeant **Stanley G Hubbard** (21)
Bombardier **Harry W Jolly** (27)
Staff Sergeant **John A Juniper** (24)
Private **Albert E Jupp** (22)
Sergeant **Owen V Kent** (31)

Sergeant **Frederick W Kite** (21)
Driver **Frederick Laing** (23)
Sapper **Herman C Murick** (25)
Private **Philip J Murphy** (29)
R Richardson (*Details unknown*)

Sergeant **William Russell** (32)
Captain **Jack C Short** (25)
Trooper **Stanley W Spells** (21)
Private **Ronald A Stark** (19)
Sergeant **Piers T Stevens** (23)

Sergeant **Phillip J White** (N/K)
Trooper **Harry W Wood** (23)

The Exhortation

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.





The Last Post

TWO MINUTES' SILENCE

(The church bell will sound at exactly 11 o'clock)

The Reveille



Prayers

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; and fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pledge ourselves anew in prayer to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those who are working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations, and so we say together -

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your Name. Guide us by your Spirit, give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

We proceed inside Church

Inside Church



Service Leader: **Rev Gordon MacBean**
Bible read by: **John Gompers**
Prayers lead by: **Rev Adam Foot**
Preacher: **Rev Gordon MacBean**



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Introduction

We continue this morning, as part of the family of God, to thank Him for the deliverance of our nation in time of war and danger; to remember with gratitude the courage and devotion of those who laid down their lives; to commend to God's care those who are suffering as the result of war, to pray for peace and justice in the world, and to renew our dedication to Him whose service is perfect freedom.

Opening Hymn

Your hand, O God, has guided Your flock, from age to age;
Your faithfulness is written on history's every page.
They knew Your perfect goodness, whose deeds we now record;
and both to this bear witness; one Church, one Faith, one Lord!

Your heralds brought the gospel to greatest as to least;
they summoned us to hasten and share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching in every deed and word;
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord!

Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption - sin pardoned, hope restored -
was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord!

Your mercy will not fail us nor leave your work undone;
with Your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven Your name shall be adored;
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord!

Edward Plumptre

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20, 23

The Whole Armour of God

¹⁰ Build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on all the armour that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the Devil's evil tricks. ¹² For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age. ¹³ So put on God's armour now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground. ¹⁴ So stand ready, with truth as a belt tight around your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, ¹⁵ and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace. ¹⁶ At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. ¹⁷ And accept salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the Spirit gives you.

¹⁸ Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people.

¹⁹ And pray also for me, that God will give me a message when I am ready to speak, so that I may speak boldly and make known the gospel's secret. ²⁰ For the sake of this gospel I am an ambassador, though now I am in prison. Pray that I may be bold in speaking about the gospel as I should.

²³ May God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give to all Christians peace and love with faith.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk: Rev Gordon MacBean

Shoebox Notice

The Shoebox Prayer

We thank you God for blessing Operation Christmas Child with more than 150 million shoebox gifts in thirty years. We pray that millions more children will experience the love of Jesus Christ through these simple gifts. **Amen.**



Since 1990, more than 178 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

The Collect for Remembrance Day

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars will cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers (concluding with [The Lord's Prayer](#))

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord be my vision, supreme in my heart,
bid every rival, give way and depart;
You my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

Lord be my wisdom, and be my true Word:
I ever with You and You with me Lord:
You my great Father, and I your true child;
once far away, but by love reconciled.

Lord be my breastplate, my sword for the fight:
be my strong armour, for You are my might;
You are my shelter and you my high tower:
raise me to heaven, O Power of my power.

I need no riches, nor earth's empty praise:
You my inheritance through all my days;
all of Your treasure, to me You impart,
High King of heaven, the first in my heart.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun:
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words from the Irish, Mary Byrne and Eleanor Hull
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Blessing

The God of all grace who called *you* to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle *you* in the faith and may the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among *you* and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

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Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

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Welling War Memorial - First World War Photos



William Bingham
2 May 1918
Age 27



John Brownlow
2 March 1916
Age 20



Norcliffe Crossley
25 July 1916
Age 26



Arthur Haxell
4 September 1917
Age 19



William Henshall
26 December 1917
Age 21



Stanley Hull
21 September 1917
Age 21



William Janes
6 November 1916
Age 19



Henry Kirby
7 October 1916
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Frank Kirby
3 July 1916
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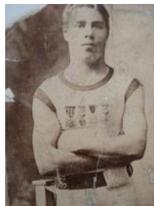
Walter Payne
3 September 1916
Age 19



Edward Russell
7 June 1917
Age 22



William Scudder
21 March 1915
Age 45



Stephen Steel
8 August 1918
Age 30



James Steel
27 April 1917
Age 22



Raymond Storer
26 April 1915
Age 21

Welling War Memorial - Second World War Photos



Eric Blackshaw
Age 24



Frederick Blenkinsopp
Age 21



James Blunt
Age 24



Alfred Buckley
Age 23



George Buckley
Age 29



Eric Carpenter
Age 21



Bruce Dogan
Age 20



Richard Ellwood
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Herman Murick
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