Dedication of Memorial Plaque



Sopwith Camel

Saturday 28th April 2018

11.00am

Old St Peter's Church

Stockbridge

Led by the Right Reverend Jonathan Frost,
Bishop of Southampton

Welcome to the 12th Century Church of Old St. Peter's for this dedication of a memorial plaque to airmen from Australia, Canada and South Africa, who were killed in 1917 and 1918 while training at the nearby military aerodromes at Chattis Hill and Lopcombe Corner. They are buried in the nearby cemetery.

The plaque was the idea of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the Stockbridge Scout Group who have taken a very keen interest and researched these airmen and their families. Each year they place poppies on the graves on Remembrance Sunday. They designed the plaque and its inscription and raised the money for its fabrication.

We do sincerely thank them for all the work they have achieved, so ably led by Dr Morwenna Collins, Cub Scout Leader.



Roll of Honour

From **Australia:**

Henry George Carr
Lachlan John MacDonald

From **Canada:**

William Erskine Buchan
Donald Kirby Edmund Gee
George William Hawken
Ray Mallett
Henry Ernest Warner

From **South Africa:**

Eric Percy Johnstone Touche
Wesley Holford Wilson

Edward Thomas Curling, an airman from Kent, is also buried in the cemetery and a wreath will be laid at his grave after the dedication service.

The floral displays representative of Australia, Canada and South Africa in Old St. Peter's have kindly been provided by parishioners.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

THE GATHERING –
In the Cemetery facing the North wall of Old St. Peter's Church

HYMN - Music played by the Brass Quintet from the Band of the Army Medical Services

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

The Bishop says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help
All **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

THE BIDDING

Bishop

We have come together in the presence of the risen Lord
To give thanks for his goodness, and to recall
the sacrifice of those – from Australia, Canada and South Africa -
who laid down their lives to secure the freedoms we enjoy.

On this occasion, as we gather in thanksgiving and recollection,
we will dedicate a memorial tablet
and rededicate ourselves
to the work of peace, justice and God's reign in the world.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Gathered together as God's people,
determined to live peaceably with one another:
We recall our shortcomings,
and ask forgiveness from God our Father,
who is full of compassion and mercy.
Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

Bishop

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT –

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise up, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

THE COLLECT OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE –

read by Wing Commander Michael C Brooke AFC RAF (Retd).

Almighty God, who makest the clouds thy chariots and walkest upon the wings of the storm, look in mercy we beseech thee upon the Royal Air Force. Make us a tower of strength to our Queen and to our country. Help us to do our duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is our refuge and strength. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

High Flight – read by Lieutenant Colonel Tressa Home CD RCAF

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untresspassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee
No 412 squadron, RCAF

A reading from St Matthew Chapter 13 verses 31 – 32
-read by Richard Foord, Chairman Stockbridge Parish Council

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Bishop
In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ
let us pray to the Father.

The following responses will be used
Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers**
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is introduced
Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us.
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bishop

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

A second voice –Wing Commander Matthew Grant RAAF *(Australian) says*

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.

All **We will remember them.**

The standards are dipped.
(The Last Post)
The trumpeter sounds to mark the two minute silence
(The Reveille)
The standards are raised.

Kohima Epitaph
A third voice Lieutenant Colonel Ross Cleland *South African* says

When you go home tell them of us and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Wreath is laid by Guy Boney QC, Lord of the Manor

DEDICATION

Most merciful God, we give thanks for those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; we dedicate this memorial tablet to their memory. May it be to us a reminder of their great sacrifice and a prompt to live peacefully before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SENDING OUT

RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God and humanity:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All **Lord God our Father,**
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all your peoples,
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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All **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.

BLESSING

May the God of all power and might
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Move to the Cemetery

Led by the Standard Bearers, the congregation moves up the hill along the path to observe the wreath laying ceremony in the cemetery on the other side of the Romsey Road.

Only the Scout Group and those involved with the wreath-laying in the cemetery will cross the road.

IN THE CEMETERY

The Trumpeter will sound a call; followed by a prayer from the Bishop, after which wreaths will be laid at the graves in order by:

Wing Commander Grant – at the two Australian graves

Lieutenant Colonel Home – at the five Canadian graves

Flight Lieutenant Stevens – at the two South African graves

Wing Commander Brooke – at Lieutenant Curling's grave

Ken Mallet will lay a personal wreath at his Great Uncle's grave

A cub/scout will lay a wreath from Ardmona School at Lieutenant MacDonald's grave

After the wreath-laying, the congregation will walk down the High Street to take their seats in St Peter's Church

AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Scout Group will give a presentation based on their research, supported by their leaders Morwenna Collins, Frances Waghorn and Jim Smith.

Addresses will then be given by:

Wing Commander Matthew Grant RAAF representing the Australian High Commission

Lieutenant Colonel Tressa Home RCAF, Assistant Air Advisor, Canadian High Commission

Ken Mallett, great-nephew of 2nd Lieutenant Ray Mallett RAF

Concluding message of appreciation from Geoff Cox, Church Warden of St. Peter's Stockbridge.

The finger buffet lunch has kindly been provided by the parishioners and Pizzas for the Cubs and Scouts have been donated by Woodfire – thank you.

OLD ST. PETER'S CHURCH



STOCKBRIDGE CEMETERY



