

CHRIST CHURCH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

1918 - 2018



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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9TH - 11TH NOVEMBER 2018



All donations
were given to the
Poppy Appeal of
the RBL.

Special ceramic
poppies have
been made and
funds also given
to the Poppy
Fund, RBL.



Proceeds from
the Coffee
Morning have
been given to the
Poppy Fund

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

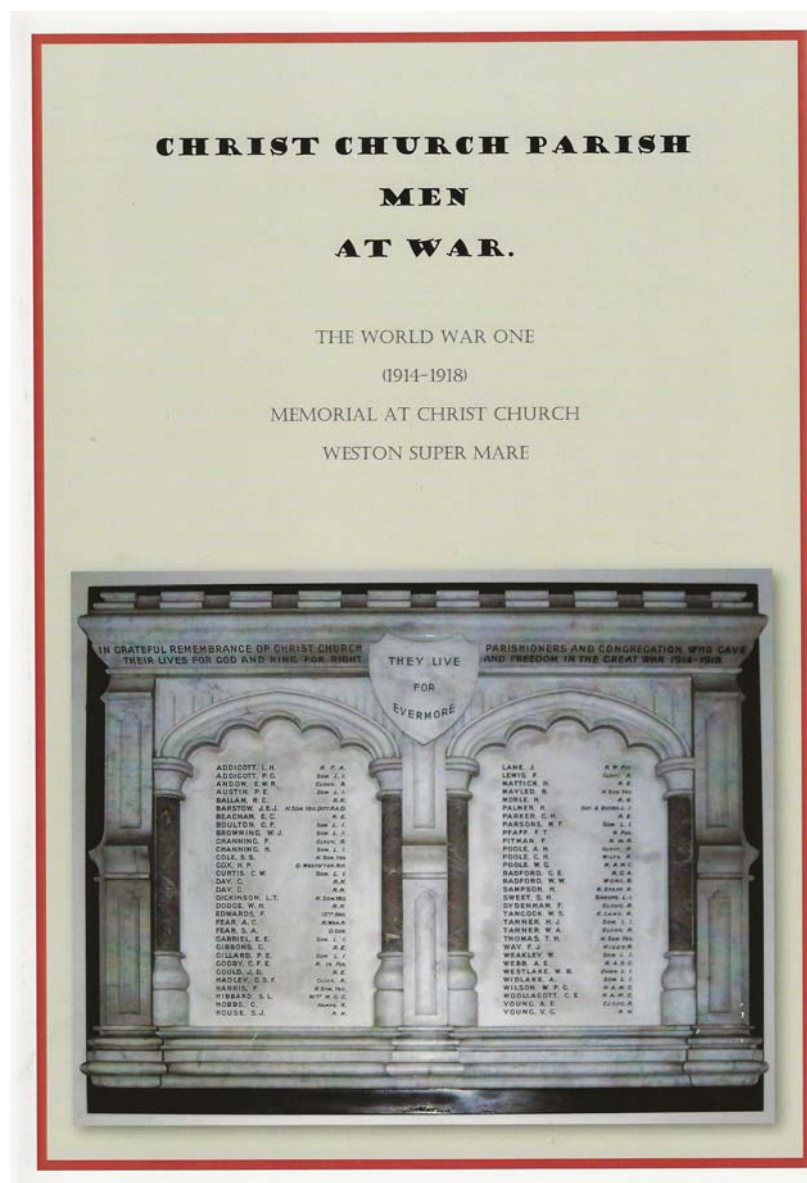
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



The Memorial Book

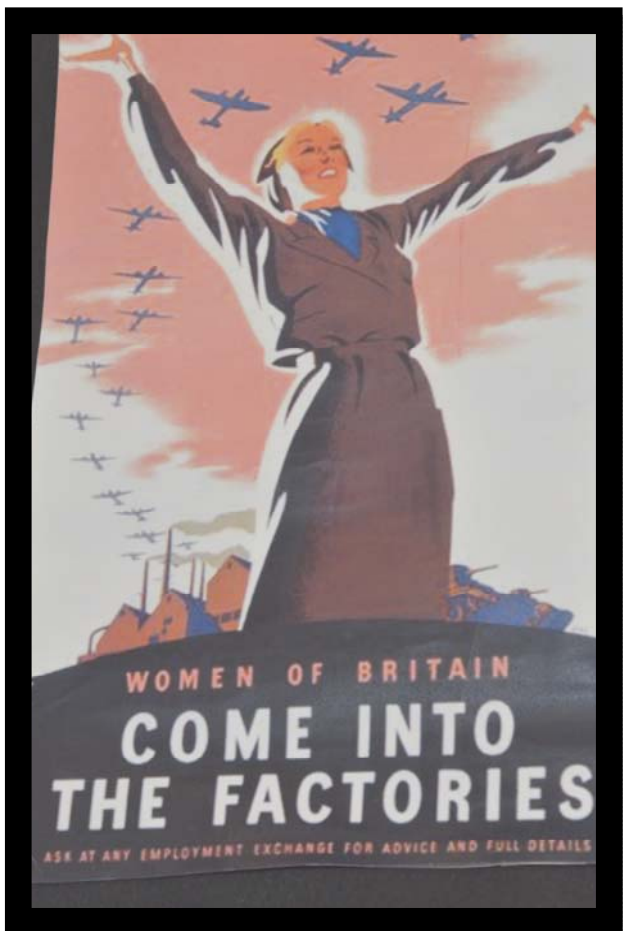
- A book bringing to life the 63 men whose names are recorded on the Church First World War Memorial has been produced by three men for the 100 year Christ Church Festival of Remembrance. John Hinchliffe who works delivering Weston's post has spent six years researching the men on the memorial.
- Rod Crocker joined him researching the men through the Mercury archives and using knowledge from friends in the Weston History Society.
- Brian Kellock wrote up and gathered into a book together with relevant



Several hundred people crowded into Christ Church for the '100 year Festival of Remembrance' which took its shape from the book and in ten major displays



The first display honoured the 63 men with knitted poppies and photos featuring the place of women in the War. It included a sheaf of poppies draped over the pulpit plus a battlefield Altar dedicated to Chaplains and Medical Orderlies, remembering the Rev. Studdart Kennedy MC who was



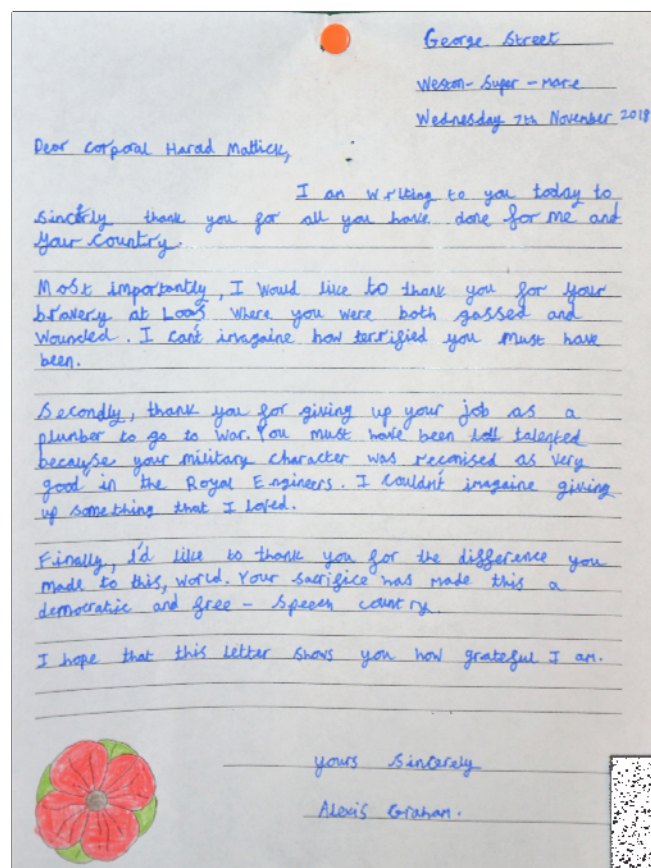
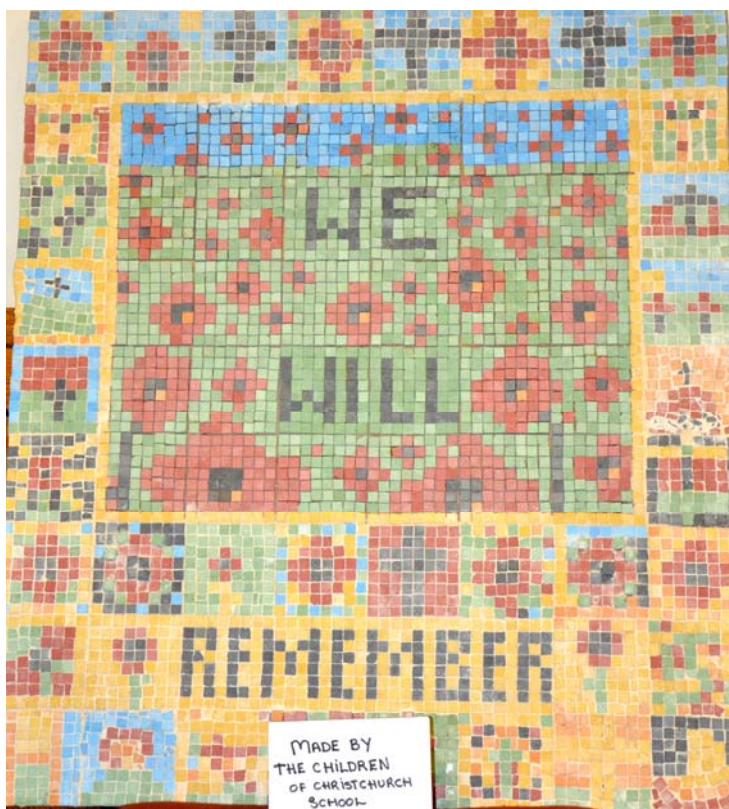
The Battlefield Altar

We honour the memory of the many Chaplains and Medical Orderlies, often non-combatants who risked their lives running into 'no mans land' under enemy fire to bring wounded soldiers back to safety and medical care.

We particularly remember **the Rev. G.A. Studdart Kennedy M.C.** also known as 'Woodbine Willie'. An outstanding communicator of the Christian Gospel, a great friend to the men in the trenches and one of the group known as the War Poets.



The Christ Church School displays remembered the 21 men who had been pupils and very moving letters were written from present pupils to them thanking them for their sacrifice. There was a mosaic display as well.





The Ashcombe House Convalescent Hospital Display saw several nurses bandaging young and not so young patients together with a hospital bed and two bandaged patients and other



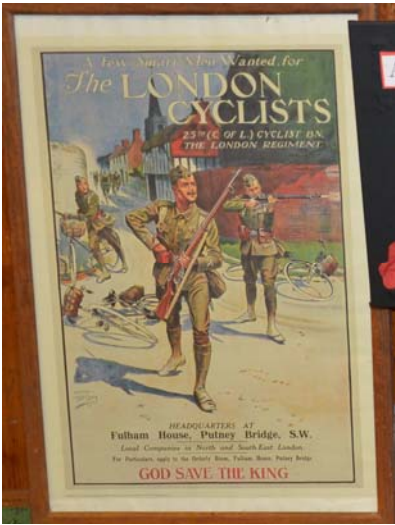




The Royal Flying Corp had model aircraft flying on strings and large displays of photos of men and machines. Another window display featured carefully made



The Cycling Corp showed details of the Corp and featured an exercise bike which youngsters rode and the Church Young Peoples groups display showed coloured pictures of the great variety of animals





The church corner was filled with artefacts in two glass cases and many books including





The end of the Penny Post

Finally, the First World War hailed the end of the famous Penny Post. The Treasury had been heavily drained by the huge costs of the war and the government needed to raise extra revenue by all possible means.

The standard national postage rate of one penny for letters had stood for 75 years and was reluctantly abandoned in June 1918 when postage was raised by a half penny. Concerning the demise of the Penny Post, one postal historian has lamented that "one of the great triumphs of peace, had succumbed to the demands of war".



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63 Laminated sheets with the men's details were attached to the backs of 63 chairs in the church and those sitting facing these notices in the Morning







