

HTSM First World War Monthly Journal

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Memorials

A Memorial Service was held in Holy Trinity on Sunday 6th June. The parish magazine noted that the Rector was always willing to hold a private memorial service for any officer or man. People were already thinking about a permanent war memorial. The service was so popular that hundreds were turned away, because there were so many military and officials. Otherwise, the Rector noted, it was successful. It had been similar to a funeral service, with different psalms and lessons. The Last Post was played, and the *Dead March* in Saul, by Handel.

The Bishop 'had a double uneasiness – whether the nation adequately faces the present struggle and whether the church is doing its due part in guiding the mind and conscience of the people about it'. He was wondering about a memorial for each parish church, erected by the community, as well as individual memorials. 'None would be unhonoured ... it would be a striking witness to the reverence of the Church to those who had given their lives for liberty and England'.

New altar rails had been given to St. Mary's in memory of Walter Lloyd who had died in September 1914.

A house-to-house collection was held for the Penny Fund for the sick and wounded, run by the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance. Boy Scouts delivered the envelopes, which included separate envelopes for domestic staff.

There were no deaths this month of men later listed on the parish memorial.

A poem called *The Hero* was printed, about an ordinary soldier who saved his officer and could not see himself as a hero. (This was not the poem of the same name by Sassoon.)

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