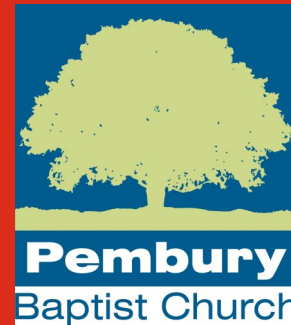


Pembury, Kent



SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

with Unveiling and Dedication
of the new Memorial Plaques on the
War Memorial erected in memory of the
Men of Pembury who fell in World Wars I & II

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War Memorial unveiled 1921
with stone plaque



War Memorial 1949 with metal
plaques added

The Village is extremely grateful to Richard Snow for arranging the funding and installation of the new War Memorial plaques, and for organising this Service and the Poppy Drop.

Other Acknowledgements:

All those who kindly donated so generously to enable new plaques to be carved and mounted on the War Memorial.

Jonathan Todd, Chaplain, Kent College, Pembury for playing the keyboard.

Sean Cawley, Henry Paul Funerals, Pembury for providing and operating the PA System, and for providing the Union Jack for the unveiling.

'Pembury Remembers'

In order to have a lasting record of this historic event, Richard Snow approached local film-maker David Doré.

The resulting production is a poignant documentary entitled 'Pembury Remembers'.

The film includes scenes from Tyne Cot, Langemarck and the Menin Gate, as well as interviews with relatives of Pembury men killed in action in both World Wars.

Richard takes us to Burslem's to see something of the refurbishment of our memorial before the film concludes with coverage of the Centenary Memorial Service and the historic poppy drop. A camera on the plane will record an aerial view of the poppy drop.

There will be a **public screening** of the film on **Thursday 6 December** at **7.30pm** in **Pembury Baptist Church, Romford Road.**

£6 per person (cash only) payable on the door.

Proceeds to The Royal British Legion.

A DVD will be on sale priced at £10 on the night. It will also be available from Barnes Kingsnorth Estate Agents, High Street, Pembury with proceeds to The Royal British Legion.

We are grateful to David Doré, Derek Goodwin, Melvyn Cole, Ted Hood, James Whitehorn and Tony Turner for so kindly giving their time and expertise to make this wonderful historic record on film.

We will also be showing 'A Damned Dirty Business'.

This 26-minute film tells the sad and unvarnished story of the sinking of RMS Lusitania by a German submarine, the U-20, in 1915.

In addition to the dreadful loss of life, this tragic event would lead to the United States' entry into the Great War and the destruction of the reputation of Captain William Turner...a decent and entirely innocent man.

'The Poppy Drop'

Weather permitting, 10,000 poppies are due to be dropped from a 1930s Tiger Moth – Registration G-ASKP – flying at around 1,000 ft. The plane will be flown by Roger Bishop.

The plane was manufactured and built at De Havilland's factory in Hatfield. It was part of a batch of 400 Tiger Moths ordered under Air Ministry contract in 1938 to be delivered to the RAF. It was delivered in February 1939.

The plane was originally painted in a yellow and red harlequin scheme, which was considered at the time to be rather odd looking. It had various colour schemes up until 1996, when it was repainted in its present maroon and silver, colours of the 1930s De Havilland Flying School.

It has been used mainly as a training aircraft. It is also used in the current Biplane Formation Team which can be seen at many air shows around the country each summer.

G-ASKP is based at Damyns Hall Aerodrome in Essex and can be flown on trial lessons.

PEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday 25 September 1921 by Revd H Sinclair Brooke, MA (Vicar of Pembury, 1898-1918). He would have known many of those who gave their lives in WWI. Uniquely he was also Captain of the local Fire Brigade! The site was given by the Marquis Camden, and the Portland Stone Memorial stands 16ft high, and cost £365 19/4d, which apparently took quite a long time to raise. It was designed by well-known local architects Ashley S Kilby and the work was executed by Messrs Burslem and Sons of Tunbridge Wells. The service (programme in Pembury Library) included the Last Post and Reveille, and the National Anthem at the end. The Roll of Honour was read by Mr C R Bosanquet.

The WWI names were originally engraved on a stone plaque. This had two misspelt names: William Parkes (appeared as Parks) and Sidney Ratcliffe (appeared as Sydney). After WW2, when a second plaque was needed, it was decided to have two matching bronze plaques – one to go over the top of the existing stone plaque, and a new one underneath for the names from WW2. A report in the Kent and Sussex Courier on 13 July 1945 stated that at the Parish Council meeting Mr H Parkes ‘drew attention to the disgusting state of the present memorial, declaring that they all ought to be ashamed of themselves’. The WW2 plaque was unveiled in November 1949.

In 2018 the Parish Council – which owns the Memorial – agreed to an Appeal by Richard Snow to raise money to refurbish it. The bronze plaques were very tarnished, and Richard discovered that eight of the names were misspelt. In addition, the Council had been approached to add Jim H Woodhams to the list of men who died in WWI. Today is a very appropriate occasion to unveil the new plaques as it marks the end of the last year of the Centenary of WWI.

The old plaques will be preserved and it is hoped to remount them at Pembury Primary School on a wall on the side of the Old School, in the playground facing Cemetery Lane.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

- 1 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!
- 2 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!

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Parade is dismissed

A Bucket Collection will be held for The Royal British Legion

The Kohima Epitaph

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

WREATHS ARE LAID AT THE MEMORIAL

Lord Colgrain, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent
Chair of the Parish Council
(representing the people of Pembury)
Royal British Legion
Veteran of Falklands War
Scouts/Guides
Kent County Council
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Representatives from the Churches
Other Village Organisations
Individual residents

The misspelt names:

- WW1 – Douglas Macdougall (appeared as Mac-Dougall)
Albert McQueen (appeared as Mc'Queen)
Albert and Thomas Pentecost (appeared as Penticost)
Sidney Ratcliffe (appeared as Sydney)
- WW2 – Edmund Crossley (appeared as Edward)
William Parkes (appeared as Parks)
John Pilbeam (appeared as Philbeam)

The refurbishing has been carried out by Burslem, who built the original Memorial. The work included taking off the existing plaques, engraving new stone plaques and replacing them on the War Memorial. The stone around has been re-pointed and the Memorial cleaned. The money to allow this to be undertaken has been generously given by Council grants (County and Parish), The Pembury Society, Churches, businesses and individuals including relatives.

In addition, the names of Jim H Woodhams (WW1) and Thomas G Cook (WW2) have been added to the wooden memorial plaque in St Peter's Upper Church.

The Glorious Dead

“Their glory shall not be blotted out; ...their name liveth for evermore”

(Ecclesiasticus 44:13-14)

World War I

Edward Arnold
Stephen Baldock
George Barden
George Batcheller
Arthur Chatfield
Murray Christie DSO
Harry Clarke
James A Doust
Arthur G Ellis
Albert Field
Charles Fry
William Fry
John Galpin
Sidney Giles
John Grainger
Charles Hicks
Leslie Kemp
Samuel Kemp
Thomas Kemp
Charles Lawrence
Charles Leonard
Douglas R MacDougall
Albert A McQueen
Ronald E Martin
William Martin

Harry Mercer
Walter Morphett
Charles Nurden
Joseph Pankhurst
Charles Penn
Albert Pentecost
Thomas Pentecost
Frederick Piper
Albert Prall
William A Parkes
Percy Ratcliffe
Sidney A Ratcliffe
John Raynes
Arthur Roberts
Harry Roberts
James Sivyer
D Gordon Smith
John Stedman
Stephen Stevens
Horace J Stroud MM
Alfred Thompsett
Victor Valentine
Frank Vater
Jim H Woodhams
Harry Young

World War II

Vincent Ashford
Richard Bassett-Burr
Herbert Frank Brown
Jack George Cavie
Joseph Clifton
Robert Philip Cole
Thomas George Cook
Edmund Forbes Crossley
Peter Fenn

George Hide
Arthur George Mephram
Francis Murphy
William Parkes
Philip Peart
John Pilbeam
Brian Pilgrim
Thomas Reader
Clifford George Tapp

- 2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope that you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy: through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen.

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and his creation; that we may help, encourage and comfort others, support those working to help the needy, to bring peace to the nations and promote the welfare of our planet.

**Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity 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.

Keep us faithful now and always.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

HYMN

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

*The Choir of Kent College, under the direction of Mrs Kate Pusey, will sing until 10.35am.
There will then be a time of silence. At around 10.40am, when the uniformed
organisations have arrived, Revd Carrie Walshaw, Associate Vicar, welcomes everyone and
then reads:*

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 121:1-2)

HYMN

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

UNVEILING OF THE NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES

The new Memorial Plaques are unveiled by The Lord Colgrain, Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Kent.

DEDICATION

The new Memorial Plaques are dedicated by the Associate Vicar, following the wording used at the Dedication of the original plaques on 25 September 1921:

'Let us give thanks to God for the memory and example of all those who from this Parish have laid down their lives in the service of their King and Empire. In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these Memorial Plaques to the Glory of God and in thankful and sacred remembrance of those whose names are imperishably inscribed thereon.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May the Lord of His mercy grant to us with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. Amen.'

REMEMBERING

Cllr David Coleman, the Chair of the Parish Council says:

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.*

A Scout or Guide member replies:

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

All affirm:

We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence will be signalled by the playing of the Last Post.

Silence

The completion of the silence will be signalled by the playing of the Reveille.

THE POPPY DROP

10,000 poppies will be dropped from a Tiger Moth (weather permitting).

At 11am the bells in St Peter's Old Church will be rung (as part of the country-wide ringing of bells to mark the centenary of the Armistice on 11 November 1918).

THE READING OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR by Hugh Boorman

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD: *John 15:12-17*

Read by Father Ed Tomlinson, St Anselm's

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Here ends the reading.

PRAYING TOGETHER

The Prayers will be led by Revd Dan Foster, Pembury Baptist Church

PRAYERS

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for so much. In times of war and crisis, we thank you for men and women of resolve and leadership, of bravery and daring, who have served our land in times of national and world crises. We thank you for those who have been prepared to give their lives for their friends; who have not hesitated to challenge and fight evil and injustice. We thank you that you are the God of love and peace, and that we know good will ultimately prevail. We thank you and put our trust in you.

Amen.