**INSTALLATION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

**THE 5TH BATTALION**

**NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS**

**1914-1918**

**INTO WALKER PARISH CHURCH**

**4.00 pm 24th May 2015**



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**QUO FATA VOCANT**

May we extend a warm welcome to Christ Church Walker (Walker Parish Church) on this Pentecost Sunday

We are very happy that you are able to join us on such a special day in the life of the Church, and to witness such a poignant occasion in the history of the Northumberland Fusiliers. We hope that you will take away some wonderful memories.

There will be a collection during the service, to be shared equally between the Army Benevolent Fund and the Fusilier Aid Society

After the Church Service, you are invited to stay for refreshment in the community hall, where you will also find a WW1 display.

Please feel free to take this order of service with you when you leave.

Could you please refrain from taking photographs during the service.

**‘Please Stand’** is an invitation only, so please remain seated if it is easier or more comfortable for you.

**The church bell will toll at 3.55 pm in memory of the men of the Battalion who died in the Great War**

Please stand at the entry of the clergy and choir

**THE FIRST HYMN**

For the healing of the nations,

Lord we pray with one accord,

For a just and equal sharing

Of all things that earth affords

To a life of love in action

Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us Father into freedom

From despair your world release

That, redeemed from war and hatred,

Men may come and go in peace

Show us how through care and goodness

Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,

Let it from the earth be banned;

Pride of status, race or schooling,

Dogmas keeping man from man

In our common quest for justice

May we hallow life’s brief span

You, creator-God, have written

Your great name on all mankind;

For our growing in your likeness

Bring the life of Christ to mind;

That by our response and service Earth its destiny may find.

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**WELCOME BY THE REV. TIM FOREMAN**

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**THE FIRST READING BY**

**MAJOR CHESTER POTTS**

*From the book of Isaiah (2. 2-5)*

In days to come, the mountains of the Lords house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, “come, let us go up to the mountains of the Lord, to the house of Jacob; that He may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of

Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Oh house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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**THE SECOND READING BY**

**CAPTAIN ALEX LANG**

*From the letter to the Ephesians (6. 10-17)*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For our struggle is not against the enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND**

**THE SECOND HYMN**

O God our help in ages past

Our hopes for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,

Thy saints have dwelt secure;

Sufficient is thine arm alone,

And our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood,

Or earth received her frame,

From everlasting thou art God,

To endless years the same

A thousand ages in thy sight,

Are like an evening gone;

Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

Bears all its sons away;

They fly forgotten as a dream

Dies at the opening day

O God our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come

Be thou our guard while troubles last

And our eternal home.

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

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**PLEASE STAND - THE LAST POST**

**THE EXHORTATION**

*They shall not grow old, as we who 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**

**1 MINUTE SILENCE**

**REVEILLE**

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

**Floral tributes will be laid**

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**THE 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

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**THE LORD MAYOR WILL READ THE FOLLOWING POEM WHICH WAS FOUND WITH THE KIT OF CHARLES HAMILTON SORELY AFTER HIS DEATH ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN 1915**

When you see millions of the mouthless dead

Across your dreams in pale battalions go,

Say not soft things as other men have said,

That you’ll remember. For you need not so.

Give them not praise. For, deaf, how should they know

It is not curses heaped on each gashed head?

Nor tears. Their blind eyes see not your tears flow.

Nor honour. It is easy to be dead.

Say only this, “They are dead”. Then add thereto,

“Yet many a better one has died before”

Then, scanning all the o’ercrowded mass, should you

Perceive one face that you loved heretofore,

It is a spook. None wears the face you knew.

Great death has made all his for evermore

**THE ADDRESS**

**BY THE VENERABLE GEOFF MILLER**

**ARCHDEACON OF NORTHUMBERLAND**

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**A collection for the Fusiliers Aid Society and Army Benevolent fund will take place during the following hymn**

**ST. GEORGE’S HYMN**

Saint George of old the dragon slew,

So runs the ancient story…..

And left to all men good and true,

The reward of his glory;

He slew him with his spear alone

By Gods good grace prevailing;

For they who heavenly succour own

Shall find it aye availing

And now this good Saint George the bold,

As Patron Saint we honour;

Beneath his tutelage enrolled

England unfurls her banner;

Her battle cry, by land and sea

In vain repeated never

“For England and Saint George are we

Saint George and England ever”

And when her sons go forth to fight,

Their country’s flag unfurling,

And all men gather to the sight,

With joy and pride beholding;

Then foremost, ‘mid the bravest there

Whose hearts shall never fail them

And they, Saint George’s badge who wear

The Fighting Fifth we hail them

And when Northumbria’s sons come home,

From distant fields returning,

Within these hallowed walls they come

With sacred mem’ries yearning;

There, near Saint George’s porch, they store

Rent colours in safe keeping,

And with bowed heads, they think once more

Of comrades who are sleeping.

Then when your fighting days are done

And bugles sound cease firing

The last grand march for you begun

With strains of joy inspiring;

Gods conquering heroes, by his grace

Their tattered banners bringing

Within this house shall see his face,

His praise forever singing

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**PRAYERS BY CANON TOM COWEN BEM**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

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**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE PEACE**

Jesus said: “Love one another, as I have loved you, so you are to love one another”.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you -** Let us offer one another a sign of peace –

*The Peace is shared by shaking hands and saying ‘****Peace be with you’***

**PLEASE BE SEATED – RRF PADRE**

We are here today to remember and pay tribute to the 1,051 men of the 5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers who died during the carnage of the Great War.

One hundred years ago today, Whit Monday 1915, 46 young men of the battalion lost their lives during the Battle of Bellewaarde Ridge, part of the second Battle of Ypres.

Of the 46 men who died on that day, 40 have no known grave, and are remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial

Today we remember before God………….

Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Corporal Charles John Simpson was killed on this day in 1915; his nephew Ed Simpson will now light the candle of remembrance in memory of all of those men lost in that war.

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**THE CHOIR WILL NOW SING A POPULAR WW1 SONG**

**THE BLESSING**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The 🕆blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND**

**FINAL HYMN**

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,

Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away

Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,**

**Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won**

Lo’ Jesus meets us, risen from his tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,

For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,**

**Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life

Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife

Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,**

**Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won**

**Will the congregation please stand whilst the choir and clergy leave the church, and remain standing until members of the regiment have left the church.**

**At the conclusion of the service you are invited to the community hall where refreshments will be supplied, and a WW1 exhibition is on display.**

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**We thank all guests for attending this service in honour of all those men whose lives were ended in the Great War, and hope that each and every one of us can bear in mind the loss and heartbreak felt by the families and friends of those men.**

**On August the 4th 2014, the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of WW1, flowers were laid on the Fusiliers Memorial in Walker Park, Many of you may have been at that moving service.**

**The Memorial itself has been vandalised, and has fallen into a state of disrepair. It is our aim to have it restored and rededicated in the near future, so that Walker and the Fusiliers will have a memorial to be proud of**

At the onset of WW1 in August 1914, the 5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers had its headquarters in the Drill Hall on Church Street, Walker, which for many years later was also a centre of social events, particularly dances.

The Northumberland Fusiliers have undergone several changes since the end of the Great War.

In 1937, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V they were given the status of The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

As such, they have served their country with distinction in World War 2 and the Korean War.

In 1968 the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London) and The Lancashire Fusiliers amalgamated to become the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and served in the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Officers and Men of the Regiment continue to serve their country with honour and distinction to this day – “Wither the fates call”

**“Quo Fata Vocant”**

**WALKER CHURCHYARD MEMORIAL GROUP GREATLY APPRECIATE THE VALUABLE HELP GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING –**

The Venerable Geoff Miller, Archdeacon of Northumberland

Rev. Tim Foreman, the PCC and the Church Wardens

Canon Tom Cowen BEM

Cllr George Pattison, Lord Mayor of Newcastle

Major Chester Potts

Captain Alex Lang

Frederick Peacock MA and the choir of St. George’s Jesmond

Rt. Hon Nick Brown MP

Councillor David Wood

Councillor David Denholm

Walker Ward Committee for their donation

Walkergate Ward Committee for their donation

Barclays Bank for their donation

Sainsbury’s for their donation

Watsons Timber for making the display cabinet

Print North East for printing ofthe Roll ofHonour

Peter Willis for binding the Roll of Honour

The church flower ladies

