

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

A few words from Mrs Barbara Brook

As Chairman of Bamburgh Parish Council and on behalf of Council Members and Residents of Bamburgh, I should like to thank the following for their artistic and hard work making the new Cross and Figure of Christ into such a superb War Memorial.

**Mr Andrian Melka, Sculptor of York
Classic Masonry, Stonemasons of North Shields**

The original War Memorial was erected in 1921 and remained intact until it was discovered in 2009 that it was deteriorating and a much needed restoration and preservation programme was undertaken. Unfortunately this proved to be unsuccessful and after much soul searching, Bamburgh Parish Council decided to have a new Memorial sculpted and was undaunted when it was realised that nearly £47,500 was needed; a far cry from the first Memorial which cost £500. The work would not have been possible without the help of the War Memorial Trust who granted us a substantial amount of money; this was followed by a very generous donation from Bamburgh Castle Estates. We were also fortunate to receive contributions from personal donors with Bamburgh Parish Council completing the required final total. Lunch in the Pavilion after this service was made possible by the Sir James Knott Trust, Bamburgh Heritage Trust, St Aidan's Church and the Bamburgh Festival; we are extremely grateful for their generosity.

Since we started this project in 2017 there are also many people to thank for their tireless hard work in time and energy starting with my great childhood friend and past Chairman, Jude Aldred, who started this project. Sadly she became ill and handed the mantle to me, but I know you would have been delighted with the final result Jude!

Thanks are also due to Charles Baker-Cresswell for guidance, William Armstrong for supporting us in our endeavour, and fellow councillors Andrew for his engineering expertise, Alec for all his care of the War Memorial site and the monuments both old and new plus the remaining councillors who attended many meetings, and finally since the start of this venture, Dorothy our clerk who has been a great support to the council and particularly to me.

The Rededication of the Bamburgh War Memorial

Sunday November 10th 2019



Welcome

Welcome to all here today as we gather to re-dedicate this War Memorial, in confidence that it will continue to be a reminder of those who gave their lives for this country and Commonwealth, dying in a time of war in order that we might live in times of peace.

We remember all those from our community and elsewhere who have been caught up in the conflicts of war. We remember those killed in action, the bereaved, families whose lives are changed forever and those who cannot speak of their memories of war.

Rededication

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Jesus taught us that we are members of one another and that we can never live to ourselves alone, so that we are here today as representatives of our community, past, present and future.

We re-dedicate this memorial to the memory of all those who died in conflict. May it be a witness to lives given, a reminder to us and to future generations to work for peace and unity, built upon the sacrifice of those we honour here today, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Act of Remembrance

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

The names of the fallen are read.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, not the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

We will remember them

The Last Post

The Two Minutes Silence

Reveille

The Placing of Wreaths

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

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgiving
for those who we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women, 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.

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all people 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.
Amen.**

**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 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.**