



:: HARTLEPOOL ::

# WAR MEMORIAL

REDHEUGH CLOSE,

TO BE UNVEILED ON SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 17th, 1921, at 1-30 p.m.,

by

The Right Hon. The Earl of Durham,  
K.G., G.C.V.O., V.D.,  
Lord Lieut. of the County of Durham.



Mayor - Alderman J. T. Turner.

Chairman of Committee: C. T. Watson, Esq.

## Hartlepool War Memorial.

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HE Memorial records the past and present, and inspires the future, in such a way as to bring the rich traditions of this Ancient Town to a climax in the heroism and sacrifice of our own day. It has been felt that a memorial should serve as a symbol and incentive to a renewed activity and an inspiration to social service for intellectual and spiritual progress. Only with such an ideal can the great loss and sacrifice be commemorated.

Four bronze panels upon the sides of the column represent respectively epochs in the history of Hartlepool. The arms of the Prince Bishops of Durham are appropriate to the time when Hert o' Hertnesse (now Hartlepool) were under the Holy See of the County Palatine of Durham. The Bishops of Durham were associated with Hartlepool as early as Saxon times.

The Arms of the Brus recall the time when that family were for many generations overlords of Hertnesse. It was one of the family who built the Town Wall.

The representation of the Town Seal is appropriate to the historic incorporation of Hertelpol. The striking representation of the Lighthouse and gun brings Hartlepool's history up to the memorable bombardment of 1914.

The winged figure in bronze of "Triumphant Youth," which crowns the column, symbolises a spiritual freedom and regeneration which comes through pain and sacrifice. The architectural structure of Whitbed Portland Stone is reminiscent of the Gothic stone-work of Hartlepool. The whole rises sheer from the ground as a crowned column enriched with traditional heraldry.

The accompanying stone screen carries five tablets incised with the names of the "Fallen" and those who lost their lives through the Bombardment. These contain 351 names of men of the Navy, Army and Mercantile Marine, and 52 men, women and children killed in the Bombardment.

Mr. Philip B. Bennison, A.R.C.C. has designed the Memorial and executed the sculpture.

## ☞ Order of Ceremony. ☞

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1. HYMN—"O God, our help in ages past." (*See back.*)
  2. THE LORD'S PRAYER - REV. D. PATTERSON (*St. Mark's*)
  3. INTRODUCTION OF THE EARL OF DURHAM C. T. WATSON, ESQ.
  4. The Unveiling . . .  
The Right Hon. The Earl of Durham, K.G., G.C.V.O., V.D.,  
Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham.  
Unveiling of Tablets - - Mrs. C. T. Watson
  5. PRAYER OF DEDICATION - RECTOR OF HARTLEPOOL.
  6. THE SOUNDING OF THE "LAST POST."
  7. HANDING OVER THE MEMORIAL TO THE CORPORATION  
C. T. WATSON, ESQ.
  8. RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION  
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.
  9. PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE - THE VICAR OF HOLY TRINITY.
  10. THE BLESSING - THE RECTOR OF HARTLEPOOL
  11. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.
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After the National Anthem there will be an opportunity for relatives and friends to place wreaths on the Memorial.

ALL EX-SERVICE MEN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR DECORATIONS & MEDALS.

*For words of Hymn and Prayers see overleaf.*

¶ At the conclusion of the above Ceremony, a Tablet erected on the Lighthouse Slope indicating the place where the first shell from the leading German Battle Cruiser struck on the 16th December, 1914, and also recording the place where the first soldier was killed, during the Bombardment by enemy action in the Great War, 1914-1918, the gift of JOHN SANDERSON, Esq. (a native of the Borough), will be unveiled by Col. Robson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and accepted by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. J. T. Turner, on behalf of the Corporation.

Hymn—"O God, our help in ages past."

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home. Amen.



Prayer of Dedication.

TO the Honour and Glory of Almighty God, in the faith of a joyful resurrection, and looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, we dedicate this monument in loving memory of His servants, our brethren, who fell in the War. May God accept this gift at our hands and bless it, so that it may help in the way of holiness those that look upon it; that they may lift their eyes from the types and shadows of this world, to the glories of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer of Remembrance.

O LORD, the Eternal God, Inspirer and Mover of the hearts of men, grant, we pray Thee, that this memorial, which has been this day dedicated, may be a continual reminder to us and the generations that come after, of the sacrifice of those who laid down their lives that we might live, and a constant call to follow in their footsteps in the paths of service, sacrifice and duty even as they followed the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.