

The Ashington Memorial Garden Project

The project has been developed by Ashington Town Council, supported by key partners including the Royal British Legion, Western Front Association and local historians. Extensive research has taken place in developing brand new plaques for the Memorial that correct significant omissions and errors in the recognition and remembrance of all those from the town who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The Ashington Memorial Garden will provide an all year round area for quiet reflection. The new Garden is focused around the re-sited Memorial and includes new paths, tree and shrub planting and seating. An official opening will take place in 2016.

Ashington Town Council has worked with local schools to develop information boards that are placed within the Garden on military themes. We thank Bothal Middle School, Hirst Park Middle School, Northumberland Church of England Academy (Combined Cadet Force) and Wansbeck First School for their support.

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Thank you to Mr Graeme Wright of Northumberland YMCA and Mr Derek Bennett of the Newbiggin by the Sea Salvation Army Band for supporting today's event.

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Re-Dedication of the Ashington War Memorial

Dedication of the Memorial Recognising Conflicts after 1945

Ashington Memorial Garden

Friday 6th November 2015 at 2.00^{PM}

Service Conducted by the Reverend Lorna Beadle



Ashington Branch of the Royal British Legion

Order of Service

Welcome

Welcome to all here today as we remember all those from our community and elsewhere 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. And so we remember all those lives who are touched by conflict that God will heal us and bring us His Peace.

And so we pray; Father we ask for forgiveness for our sins, help us to forgive others as we are forgiven. Through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Reading

Leviticus Chapter 26 verses 3-6

Read by Mrs Gloria Leitch - Treasurer of the Ashington Branch of the Royal British Legion

The Re-Dedication of the Ashington War Memorial and the Dedication of Memorial Recognising Conflicts after 1945

Jesus taught us that we are members of one another and that we can never live to ourselves alone and so we are here today as representatives of our community, past and present, and these memorials are here to remind us of lives cut short to give us our tomorrows.

And so we pray for those we shall never know but whose lives are linked with ours, whose shared ground we stand on and whose common air we breathe that they may find their rest and peace in You our God eternal. As You make all things new and in who true peace is found. Amen.

We re-dedicate this memorial to the memory of all those who died in wars past and we dedicate this new memorial to those who died in present conflicts, especially those from Ashington and surrounding areas, those from far away, those whose names are remembered here and those whose names are known only to God.

May these memorials 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.

The Last Post

A Period of Silence

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The Exhortation

Led by Mr Al Vaziri - President of the Ashington Branch of the Royal British Legion

They shall grow not old, as we that 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.

All: We will remember them.

The Legion of the Living salutes the Legion of the Dead.

All: We shall not break faith with thee.

The Prayers

O Lord our God, whose compassion fails not, we honour those today who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and peace. Give them that place of light and the hope of resurrection to eternal life. Grant this in the name of your only Son who died for us to give us life. Amen.

We hold before You, O Lord, those whose memory we cherish and those whose names we will never know. Help us to seek for peace in a broken world, give us grace to be forgiving of others and may we have faith in the future and in You, our life and hope now and always. Amen.

And let us ask that God's will be done in His world in the prayer He taught us to say:

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.

The Blessing

On our comings and goings the Peace of God, in our life and believing the Love of God, at our end and new beginning the arms of God to bring us home. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. Amen.

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Following the Service you are welcome to view the Ashington Memorial Garden and a buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided at Ashington Cricket Club.