

The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist Welling



Praying for Peace in our Time

11.00am to 12noon

3.00pm to 4.00pm



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An Anniversary Prayer



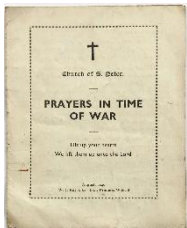
God of the nations and of this nation,
thank you for bringing us through
the hardships of the Second World War.

On this eightieth anniversary
may the red in our flag remind us of the sacrifices made;
may the blue in our flag remind us of the freedoms we now enjoy;
and may the white in our flag remind us of the dove of peace
which we must never take for granted.

We ask this in Jesus's name.

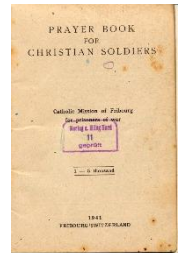
Amen.

The Lord's 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.





A Collect for Peace

Lord we ask for:
peace for those who need peace,
reconciliation for those who need reconciliation,
and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring.
Be with all, especially children who are suffering as the crises in
Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and other places continue.



Be with the anxious and fearful, those who are bereaved,
injured or who have lost loved ones.

Lord may Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

And Lord we ask for wise actions from global leaders,
who have the power not only to start wars but to stop them too.

**Father God we cry out for an end to these crises.
For mercy, peace, and truth – because You are light, hope, power, and love.
Amen.**



God of peace, who raised Christ Jesus to victory over death,
keep us ever mindful of the cost of making peace,
of the call to be peacemakers,
and of the carefulness needed to keep the peace,
in our lives, in our land and in our world.

Amen.

For those who served and died in the Second World War

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

For those who serve today

O Lord God of Hosts,
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.
Support them in times of conflict,
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;
endue them with courage and loyalty;
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the peace of the world

Lord, we pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions
that will bring harmony between nations.
We pray for wars to end.
We give thanks for your promise that one day
there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.
Until that day,
we pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in this world
so that humans can live alongside one another respectfully,
allowing for mutual flourishing.
Amen.

The Welling War Memorial – A Short History

The War Memorial was originally located outside the old tin church near the site of Welling Library but was moved in the early 1930s to its current home, in the grounds of St John the Evangelist Church, Danson Lane, Welling.

An additional plinth was added (date unknown) to record the names of those lost in the second world war.

The Memorial has been moved twice within the church grounds - firstly in the 1950s when the current vicarage was built and secondly, to its current position, in late the 1970s when the Jubilee Hall was built.

The memorial was unveiled on

Sunday 20th March 1921

by

General Edmund Phipps-Hornby.



In its original location



Today



The War Memorial Names

Below is the list of the ninety-six names from both World Wars displayed on the Welling War Memorial.

Remembering with gratitude their courage and devotion.

Welling War Memorial – First World War Names

Private **Harold Anderson** (19)
Corporal **John David Anderson** (26)
Rifleman **Charles William Bayliss** (37)
Corporal **William Bingham** (27)
Rifleman **John Henry Brownlow** (20)

Private **Charles Carpenter** (23)
Stoker 1st Class **George Henry Case** (40)
Private **Alexander John Chatten** (31)
Private **Ernest Leigh Clayton** (24)
Rifleman **David Collins** (37)

Private **Norcliffe Crossley** (26)
Corporal **Thomas Dacey** (30)
Able Seaman **Sidney Alfred Dinmore** (28)
Private **Thomas Richard Dinmore** (18)
Private **John Charles Fairweather** (19)

Private **Percy Giles** (19)
Private **Frederick Thomas Goodwright** (17)
Stoker **Arthur Frederick Haxell** (19)
Private **William Charles Edward Henshall** (21)
Private **Stanley Alexander Hull** (21)

Private **William Alfred Janes** (19)
*Private **Frank Anning Kirby** (23)
Rifleman **Herbert Henry Kirby** (29)
Rifleman **George William Mills** (19)
Able Seaman **William Mills** (36)

Private **James Moore** (19)
Rifleman **Walter Frederick Payne** (19)
V Phillips (*Details Unknown*)
Gunner **William John Pooley** (27)
Private **Harry Price** (28)

Chief Stoker **Samuel Purdy** (47)
J Ricketts (*Details Unknown*)
Private **Edward Russell** (22)
Private **William Reuben Scudder** (45)
Able Seaman **Frederick Richard Sell** (22)

Private **Frank Smith** (26)
Private **Walter George Spencer** (27)
Gunner **James Steel** (23)
Private **Stephen Joseph Steel** (30)
Private **Alfred Bertie Steward** (28)

Petty Officer **Ernest Steward** (30)
Rifleman **Raymond Tritton Storer** (21)
Sapper **Frederick James Weatherley** (40)
Private **George White** (N/K)



Welling War Memorial – Second World War Names

Lance Corporal **Eric E Blackshaw** (24)
 Sergeant **Frederick J Blenkinsopp** (21)
 Serjeant **James R Blunt** (24)
 Stoker **William A Brackell** (19)
 Petty Officer **William J Brian** (22)

Flying Officer **Eric J L Carpenter** (21)
 Lance Corporal **William R Driscoll** (30)
 Sergeant **Kenneth V H Mayle** (20)
 Pilot Officer **Raymond V Newlyn** (21)
 Flight Sergeant **Robert H Norman** (24)

Sergeant **Leslie C Peacock** (20)
 Ordinary Seaman **Alfred R Read** (18)
 Lance Corporal **Robert W Sayers** (26)
 Ordinary Seaman **Walter E Selby** (19)
 Lance Corporal **William G Speer** (19)

Ordinary Seaman **Walter F Targett** (19)
 Aircraftman **Harold Traverse** (20)
 Flight Sergeant **Ronald E Turner** (22)
 Trooper **William G J Wickham** (22)
 Sergeant **Norman S Wilding** (26)

Private **Alfred A Buckley** (23)
 Gunner **George E Buckley** (29)
 Gunner **Alfred E H Cooper** (30)
 Sergeant **Eric C Day** (21)
 Flight Sergeant **Robert W Diss** (21)

Private **Bruce C Dogan** (20)
 Sergeant **Eric J Easton** (19)
 Section Officer **Joan M Easton** (26)
 Able Seaman **Richard Ellwood** (38)
 Gunner **Frederick T Foy** (31)

Squadron Leader **Leslie Hatcher** (26)
 Driver **Leslie Hawkes** (25)
 Sergeant **Peter D Head** (21)
 Ordinary Seaman **Frank G Higgs** (21)
 Private **Raymond Hodges** (19)

Sergeant **Stanley G Hubbard** (21)
 Bombardier **Harry W Jolly** (27)
 Staff Serjeant **John A Juniper** (24)
 Private **Albert E Jupp** (22)
 Sergeant **Owen V Kent** (31)

Sergeant **Frederick W Kite** (21)
 Driver **Frederick Laing** (23)
 Sapper **Herman C Murick** (25)
 Private **Philip J Murphy** (29)
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Serjeant **William Russell** (32)
 Captain **Jack C Short** (25)
 Trooper **Stanley W Spells** (21)
 Private **Ronald A Stark** (19)
 Sergeant **Piers T Stevens** (23)

Sergeant **Phillip J White** (N/K)
 Trooper **Harry W Wood** (23)



Welling War Memorial - First World War Photos



William Bingham
2 May 1918
Age 27



John Brownlow
2 March 1916
Age 20



Norcliffe Crossley
25 July 1916
Age 26



Arthur Haxell
4 September 1917
Age 19



William Henshall
26 December 1917
Age 21



Stanley Hull
21 September 1917
Age 21



William Janes
6 November 1916
Age 19



Henry Kirby
7 October 1916
Age 28



Frank Kirby
3 July 1916
Age 23



James Moore
9 September 1916
Age 19



Walter Payne
3 September 1916
Age 19



Edward Russell
7 June 1917
Age 22



William Scudder
21 March 1915
Age 45



Stephen Steel
8 August 1918
Age 30



James Steel
27 April 1917
Age 22



Raymond Storer
26 April 1915
Age 21

Welling War Memorial - Second World War Photos



Eric Blackshaw
Age 24



Frederick Blenkinsopp
Age 21



James Blunt
Age 24



Alfred Buckley



George Buckley
Age 29



Eric Carpenter
Age 21



Bruce Dogan
Age 20



Richard Ellwood
Age 38



Frank Higgs
Age 21



Albert Jupp
Age 22



Frederick Kite
Age 21



Herman Murick
Age 25



James Short
Age 25



Stanley Spells
Age 21



Ronald Stark
Age 19



Walter Targett
Age 19



Willam Wickham
Age 22

Current Conflicts

From the 2024 Annual Report compiled every June

Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Syria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Colombia... and so on. There are up to 56 active conflicts in the world, the highest number since World War II. Moreover, these carry an increasingly international component, with 92 countries involved in wars outside their borders.

These are data from the latest Global Peace Index produced annually by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), a think tank that analyses everything from military investment and the cost of violence to military laws and deaths in combat in 163 states and territories. “Getting the information is a challenge, but it allows us to compare dynamics. And what we see is a deterioration of peace over the last decade, especially in the last five years,” says Michael Collins, executive director of IEP.

Current countries at war include:

- Ukraine
- Gaza
- Sudan
- Ethiopia
- Afghanistan
- Syria
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Colombia
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic (CAR)
- Mali
- Myanmar
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Russia (occupying Crimea, Transdniestria, South Ossetia, and Abkhazia)
- Armenia (occupying parts of Nagorno Karabakh)

Conflicts have reached highest peak globally since World War II

Europe: Seven Armed Conflicts

The following military occupations constitute the majority of armed conflicts that are taking place in Europe.

Four out of seven conflicts: Russia is currently occupying

¹ Crimea (Ukraine), ² Transdniestria (Moldova),
as well as ³ South Ossetia and ⁴ Abkhazia (Georgia),

while Armenia is occupying parts of ⁵ Nagorno Karabakh (Azerbaijan).

Europe is also the theatre of an international armed conflict (IAC) between ⁶ Ukraine and Russia, and of two non-international armed conflicts (NIACs) in ⁷ Ukraine opposing governmental forces with the self-proclaimed 'People's Republics' of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine.

'Russia's invasion of Ukraine did not change our classification of the armed conflicts in the region. Indeed, according to International Humanitarian Law (IHL) criteria, there have been an IAC between Russia and Ukraine and two NIACs in Ukraine since 2014. What has changed, since February 2022, is the intensity of the violence and its impact on the civilian population. This means, according to our analysis, that war crimes could already have taken place before March 2022' explains Dr Chiara Redealli.

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