

Sergeant Alfred L Evans
 2nd Lieutenant Noel Everard Evans
 Lieutenant Commander William Fletcher R N
 Gunner Charles B Gardiner
 Corporal Nat John Glover
 Corporal Raphael Gomila
 Sergeant Frederick Henderson
 Private Charles E Laker
 Private Henry Last
 Captain Douglas Lindsey
 Corporal Leslie R McClellan
 Corporal Cecil Manville
 2nd Lieutenant Leopold Marlow
 Major T F Murray
 Corporal Desmond C Parsons
 Private Arthur Rapley
 Private Edward Rump
 Captain Alexander Single
 Lieutenant Granville K F Smith
 Lance Corporal Frank E Smith
 Lance Corporal Edmund Stamper
 2nd Lieutenant Frederick Stevenson
 Corporal George H Stevenson
 Sergeant Geoffrey Wachter
 Lieutenant W R Wachter
 Captain Charles O Whittingham



Can you help restore this WWI Memorial?

The Wimbledon Park War Memorial stands in the memorial gardens outside St. Paul's Church and the Community Centre. It was built in 1919, to honour local men who died in WWI, using donations from residents of the area. It was dedicated at a special service in January 1920.



Remembering the Fallen

Inscribed on the Memorial's four panels are the names and ranks of the 35 men from the area who lost their lives, along with a short text which reads: 1914 A.D. LEST WE FORGET 1918 A.D.

Many of the men, or their families, lived nearby, for example: Radley Lodge (Inner Park Road) stables, Struan Lodge in Augustus Road; Mortimer Lodge (Albert Drive); Lavenham Road; Heythorp Street; Engadine Street; West Hill Road. Very poignantly, among those listed are

four brothers (William, George, Arthur and Alfred Chandler) whose parents, Frederick and Elizabeth Chandler, lived in The Grove Lodge, Princes Road (now Way). Another two brothers, Geoffrey and Walter Ronald Wachter seem to have been the only sons of their widowed mother, who at her death in April 1914 lived at 16, Southdean Gardens. If you have information about any of the men in the list below, do please get in touch with us.

The Memorial

The memorial was designed and built by the company of Charles Eamer Kempe, who was an outstanding late Victorian stained glass maker and church furnisher. His studio provided the stained glass and much of the furnishings and decoration in St Paul's Church, listed II*.

The memorial has a crucifix, a Christian symbol of sacrifice, to mark how the men gave their lives for others. The memorial is made of two types of limestone (mainly Clipsham stone, with Hopton Wood Stone for the lettering). It is listed as grade II by Historic England as "an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on the local community, and the sacrifices it made in the First World War".

Restoration

The centenary celebrations for the end of WWI fall on November 11th 2018. After almost a century, the War Memorial needs restoration, especially because some names are now difficult to read. We would like to have some of the lettering re-carved to help the community remember those who gave their lives for us all. We also want to add a few new words to remember those from our local area who fell in the Second World War and more recent conflicts. This will ensure that on Remembrance Day every year, all those who have lost their lives in the service of our country are visibly included in our Act of Remembrance.

Timetable

Our aim is to complete the restoration in time for the Centenary commemorations on Sunday November 11th when a special service and Act of Remembrance is planned for 3pm for all local residents.

Appeal

Restoring historical monuments is expensive. We expect the total cost to be around £10,000 and have applied for a grant for part of this from the War Memorials Trust. The balance needs to be raised by local donations, in the same way as 100 years ago. Please give generously, to honour those from past and current generations, who gave all they had, for us.

Open Day

You are invited to an Open Day at St Paul's Church, on Sunday 15 July from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to see and hear more about the project and the men whose names are on the memorial.

Ways to donate

If you would like to support this appeal:

For cash or cheque donations, please make a cheque payable to *St Paul's Church PCC*, put cheque or cash in an envelope addressed to War Memorial Appeal, St Paul's Community Centre, 23, Inner Park Road, London SW19 6ED and post with a stamp or deliver through the Community Centre letter box. Alternatively please give it to us on the Open Day.

If you are a UK taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, please say so and add your name and address.

JustGiving please find details of our *JustGiving* page on www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk and donate in the usual way.

All donations will be used exclusively for the restoration of the War Memorial. Should there be a surplus it will be donated equally to the Royal British Legion and SSAFA.

List of names on the War Memorial

Captain Denman Baynes
Captain Barnard E Bilton
Private Percy Bunker
Private George Chandler
Able Seaman Arthur Chandler
Private William Chandler
Corporal Alfred Chandler
Private George Cobbett
Signalman Alfred Duprey RN