

Flower Festival, Christ Church, Westerdale  
to Commemorate the centenary of the  
outbreak of World War I

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Songs of Praise at 6 p.m. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
followed by supper in the Village Hall

Welcome to the photographs from our Flower Festival, which was held to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War I.

Member of the Upper Esk Valley community contributed to the displays and arrangements.

1. Porch display **In Remembrance** by Linda Raw, Castleton  
The flowers here are in the colours of the regiments of the four men of Westerdale parish who lost their lives, three during the war and a fourth who died soon afterwards as a result of his injuries.
  
2. Font display **War and Peace** for Castleton Over 60s by Linda Grout, Castleton  
The upper arrangement represents war with its sharp, spiked contents; the crystals within the poppy heads representing tears. The black fabric is for mourning. The lower arrangement holds the joyful colours of peace.  
The aeroplane and tank models were kindly made for the display by Linda's grandson, Owen Cox.
  
3. First north window **The British Red Cross** by Pauline Moore  
90,000 volunteers joined the Red Cross and over £20,000,000 was raised for the organisation between 1914 and 1918. The Red Cross ran field hospitals and convalescent homes, sent out food parcels and in particular helped families to look for missing servicemen.  
A member of Pauline's extended family, William Boynton-Butler, won the Victoria Cross for bravery in WWI. He held a live hand grenade while ten men of his patrol escaped. The latest member of the Moore family - born 23th July 2014 - is to be called William after his great, great uncle.
  
4. Second north window **WWI biplane and the Royal Flying Corps** for Eskmoors WI by Marna Pacey, Westerdale and Jenny Woods, Danby  
The flying helmet included in the display was worn by John Woods, Jenny's father-in-law, who trained at Marske-by-the-Sea. A Royal Flying Corps hat badge is included in the display.
  
5. Third north window **Dig for Victory** for the Upper Esk Valley Gardening Club by Heather Mather, Ainthorpe and Pauline Elliot, Castleton  
Dig for Victory was a home-ground campaign of WWII to encourage people to grow fruit and vegetables but this display represents the digging for victory that the men did in the trenches of WWI. The display includes the Union Jack and the flags of Australia and New Zealand whose forces were an integral part of the ultimate victory. The arrangement is intended to show an explosion, here in flowers but representing the shell and gun shot of the trenches.

6. Altar flowers for Westerdale by Janet Alderson, Westerdale and Lesley Stonehouse, Castleton.
  
7. Altar side table for Westerdale by Olwyn Baxter, Westerdale and Margaret Havelock, Castleton.  
This display includes a coal scuttle ornament made from a German shell brought back from Macedonia by Olwyn's father, Jack Bestford, of the Royal Artillery.
  
8. Choir stall display for Westerdale by Pam Scarth, Olwyn Baxter and Marion Wilden all of Westerdale.
  
9. The pulpit banner **In Tribute** for Westerdale by Carol Wilson, Westerdale and Di King, Ainthorpe.  
The brown fabric represents the mud of the trenches. The two sets of cross stitches down either side represent the barbed wire; the jagged, wave quilting down the middle panel represents enemy fire and shrapnel. Seven of the smaller poppies represent the thirty five men of Westerdale parish who went to fight. The four larger poppies represent the four men – John Thomas Bainbridge, James Bowes, Robert Etherington and Martin Featherstone – who lost their lives during or soon after the Great War. The solitary small poppy at the bottom right represents the Unknown Soldier. The arc of five poppies across the top left represents the arc of defence that was placed around this country by the action of all of those who went to fight; it also represents the Front Line where so many lost their lives. We will remember them.
  
10. Pulpit flowers for Westerdale by Julie Hoste, Pam Scarth and Emma Beeforth all of Westerdale.
  
11. Red, white and blue cushion by Sheila Bryan, Castleton.  
The prayer book placed here was carried during WWII by Mr Ruff, brother of Elizabeth Ruff late of Westland Cottage, Westerdale. While this is a WWII item many of the men of WWI carried such prayer books, which included Sunday scripture readings as well as the book of psalms.
  
12. Pew end posies by Emma Skidmore, Linda Grout and Connie Watson all of Castleton.

13. First south window **In Remembrance of the Pipers** for Yorkshire Country Women's Association, Moordale Branch by Diana Findlayson, Castleton  
This is a tribute to the pipers who, unarmed, inspired the men to go 'over the top.' The music on the stand is the reel Lochiel's Away to France. The kilt is the Farquharson tartan. The display includes a Celtic cross and a cap badge of the Argyle and Southern Highlanders.
14. Second south window **Nobody Listened** for the Royal British Legion by Ann Watson  
The First World War was to be the war to end all wars but nobody listened.
15. Third south window **Pack up your Troubles** for the Dalesman Singers  
by Ann Watson  
The title for this arrangement is taken from the song Pack up your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and represents the songs that the servicemen sang to keep up their spirits. This display is in the colours of the Dalesman Singers.
16. Entrance table **We will Remember Them** for the Pearl and Plain Knitting Group by Emma Skidmore  
The women folk left at home during the war, knitted for the men at the front. This display includes family photographs of servicemen and copies of some of the post cards sent from France; one of the messages reminds a mother that a balaclava helmet has not been received.

The vase of flowers by the church yard gate was by Linda Raw of Castleton, the poppy display by the south door by Nick Watson of Westerdale.

Around the church was displayed additional information regarding the Great War, some of it relating particularly to this parish and other communities of the Upper Esk Valley.

We hope you enjoy looking at the pictures of our flower festival.

Over the weekend a total of £498.70 was donated.

Prior to the weekend we had received an additional £90. A total of £588.70.

£295 of this has been sent to the Royal British Legion, the rest is for Christ Church, Westerdale.

Westerdale PCC would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to this event.