

# St. Mary Magdalene Geddington



# THE SCARS OF WAR

1914 - 1945

## Our Church Building

**The Nave:** The present Nave dates from c970AD (possibly earlier). Triangle-headed arcading can still be seen in the North Aisle on what was originally an exterior wall, as can a splayed window pierced in this wall. Roof scars on the Nave's east wall indicate ancient roof lines. The clerestory windows are later Perpendicular style additions.

**The North Aisle:** The north wall of the Nave was pierced for an arcade of 2½ bays when the North Aisle was added in the late 12th century. A timber door in the north wall of the North Aisle, known as the 'King's Door' once led to/from the former Royal palace (the steps were removed in 1855). The North Chapel was re-built in 1855-7 and the present vestry added to its eastern end.

**The South Aisle** was added in the 13th century, with Perpendicular arches forming 3 complete bays. One small piece of Saxon arcading remains. A Tudor porch was added in the late 16th century, but this was demolished and replaced by the present porch in 1856-57. The blocked-up doorway to the room above can still be seen to the right of the south door.

**The Chancel:** there is evidence in roof scars and in the 5 splayed lower clerestory windows of earlier structures. Stylistically, the present Chancel dates from circa 1300-20. However, a Latin inscription dates it to 1369, eleven years after the church (previously in Royal patronage) was granted to the monks of Pipewell Abbey, who "... *shall in the first place construct and build the Chancel of the same Church and the windows of the same competently...*" The upper clerestory windows are later additions. The screen dates from 1908, and the choir stalls from 1912.

**The South (Lady) Chapel:** Of 13<sup>th</sup> Century construction with complex alterations this chapel is linked to the Chancel by two bays, the western one of which holds a 14<sup>th</sup> Century screen that originally filled the Chancel arch. The eastern arch holds a replica screen (1907). The chapel is separated from the South Aisle by a screen given by Maurice Tresham and dating from 1618. This stood in the Chancel arch until 1855, when that arch was raised. A 14<sup>th</sup> Century effigy of a priest lies near the Altar – quite possibly the William Glover named in the Chancel's 1369 inscription.

**The Tower** dates from c1380 (possibly springing from a 12th Century tower). The clock mechanism (1766) is by Bailey of Stanton. Of the 6 bells, the two oldest were cast in 1550 and 1580. The heaviest weighs 11 ¾ cwt and was given in 1630 by Sir Robert Dallington. The newest was cast at Whitechapel in 2004, when a new bell frame was also installed.

## A Great Pall of Grief

Over one hundred years later, it is very hard to imagine the horrendous impact of the Great War on the communities of Geddington and Newton and their churches. By 1918, a great pall of grief had fallen on the village and the nation.

170 Geddington men served in the armed forces, of whom 38 (more than 1 in 5 of those who served) never returned. Several more were left disabled by injury and another 7 died of war-related causes over the next five years; bringing total deaths to more than a quarter of those who left for war. The Vicar, Rev. Benjamin Turton, had known most of them as boys, many in the choir. We know, for example, that in 1905 he had presented Sunday School prizes to Bertram Chapman, Harry Higgs, Arthur Patrick, Ernest Rawson, and Fred Stanton. Within 13 years, these boys would all be dead.

The following extract from a letter sent by an army Chaplain, Rev Wilfred H. Abbot, to the grieving mother of Bertram Chapman in 1915 captures something of the mood of the time:

*“I buried your boy in Forqui re Cemetery. It is a lovely little place near Bethune, with a very pretty Churchyard. There are about thirty of our boys buried there, all together...Your boy died very quietly, quite unconscious, with no pain..... I am very sorry for you in your trouble. The tragedy of all these dear boys giving up their lives for justice and England is very real. We don't understand what it all means. All we can do now is to hold on to our Faith...”*

## The War Memorial

On 20<sup>th</sup> November 1918 – just nine days after the war had ended - a public meeting was held and a Memorial Committee, chaired by Rev. Turton, was elected. The committee reported its proposals in January 1920 for a memorial cross, and the necessary funds were raised by public subscription. The cross and separate wall tablet were designed by Mr. Talbot Brown of architects Talbot Brown & Fisher Ltd., Wellingborough for a fee of £20.

And so, it was with a very heavy heart, but also a sense of great community pride, that a large crowd assembled in the churchyard on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1921 for a service of dedication for the new war memorial (see cover photo).

Built by Mr. Patrick of Geddington, construction of the memorial took a month and comprises a c9m high floriated Latin cross with ‘**IHS**’ [standing for *Jesus Hominem Salvator*, meaning ‘Jesus Saviour of Mankind’] in a shield at the top. The cross-head is set on an hexagonal pillar which rises from a square plinth set on a two-stepped octagonal base.

On the plinth to the memorial is inscribed:

1914 - 1918

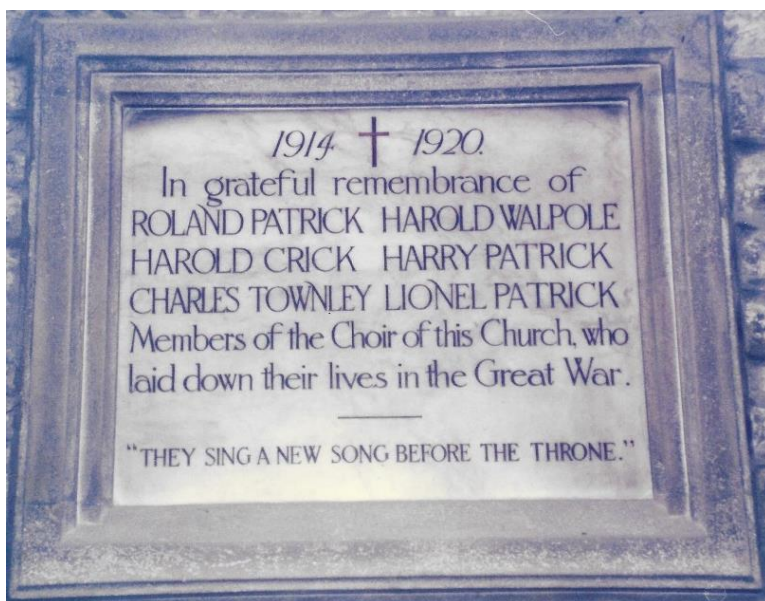
IN UNDYING MEMORY OF  
THE MEN OF GEDDINGTON  
WHO IN THE GREAT WAR  
GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR US

Nearby, on the outer west wall of the south aisle of the church are three tablets bearing names and additional inscriptions, including those from Newton.

All 170 of those who served in the Great War were commemorated by Melvyn Hopkins in his book *Geddington, A Village at War*; and in 2018 those who died were remembered with special commemorations; and a *National Lottery Heritage Fund* grant enabled the village school to mount an extensive educational programme about the War for their pupils and parents.

## The Second World War

When Rev. Wilfred Maxwell Opie arrived as Vicar in 1938 he knew all about war and hardship, having himself served as a private soldier in the Great War, and as a Mission Priest in Oxford before coming to Geddington. Before long, he was ministering to a flock again facing the depredations and deprivations of war which this time claimed the lives of 14 young people, who are commemorated on the memorial with the inscription "Also 1939-45" on the top step of the memorial's base. Their names are recorded in a tablet in the SW wall of the church.



## War Memorial Tablets

LEFT: Choir Memorial in the Chancel

NEXT PAGE: 1914-1918  
Memorial tablet in the west wall of the South Aisle

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Memorial tablet

1914 + 1918

THE CROSS NEAR BY WAS ERECTED TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Arthur Hill    | Harold Crick    | Sydney Moore      | Stoney Lach      |
| Robert Hoer    | Herbert Dandy   | Sydney Osborn     | Ernest Stough    |
| W. Hillson     | Carl Daker      | Arthur Patrick    | Fredrick Simons  |
| Alfred Allison | George Hannan   | Harry Patrick     | Roland Sturges   |
| Arthur Bernard | Robert Hector   | Roland Patrick    | Frederick Simons |
| Albert Guller  | Harry Hous      | Simon Patrick     | Charles Tomlin   |
| Edmund Hannan  | George Howell   | George Piddington | Frederick Simons |
| W. H. Hone     | William Johnson | George Rawson     | Harold Walker    |
| James Carter   | George Miller   | Ernest Rawson     | William White    |
|                | Alfred Moore    | Henry Reece       |                  |

The Roll of Honour will stay simple in glory ever yours

1939 + 1945

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| John Abbott     | Ernest Mitchell |
| Henry Baker     | Margaret Rawson |
| Harry Blanchard | Allen Jebbutt   |
| James Green     | George Walker   |
| Alfred Hopkins  | Charles Walker  |
| Robert Jarman   | Ellis Whitbread |

# Geddington & Newton's War Dead

## 1914-1918

**AGER Percy John** Private 31296, 5th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 12 May 1917. Aged 23. Son of Thomas and Charlotte Ager, of Geddington, Kettering, Northants. No known grave. Commemorated on ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

**ALLEN John Edward** L/Cpl died 30 December 1914 aged 29. 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. Resident of Grange Road, Geddington. Husband of Ethel Allen. Buried at BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY, France Section III Row A Grave 82.

**ALLETT Arthur** Private 13048, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 15 August 1915. Aged 32. Born Geddington, Kettering. Son of William Allett; husband of Kitty Bell (formerly Allett), of 49, Silverton Rd., Coventry. Buried in ALEXANDRIA (CHATBY) MILITARY AND WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Egypt. Section J. Grave 103.

**ALLSOPP Levi [Charles]** Lance Corporal 200914, 1st/5th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry formerly 3648, Northamptonshire Regiment. Killed in action 23 April 1917. Born Geddington, Northants, resident Woodford Lodge, enlisted Thrapston. Son of Mr. L. J. Allsopp, of "Sunnyside," Geddington, Kettering, Northants. Buried in WANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France. Plot IV. Row D. Grave 32.

**ALLSOPP Wilfred [John]** Private 353207, 12th Battalion, Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) formerly 15502, Northumberland Regiment and 15081, Essex Regiment. Died of wounds 13 April 1918. Born Geddington, Northants, enlisted Kettering, Northants. Buried in LIJSSETHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot XXVI. Row H. Grave 19A.

**BERRIDGE Arthur** Private 16091, 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 4 January 1915. Aged 24. Son of Elizabeth Abbot (formerly Berridge), of Wood Rd., Geddington, Kettering, Northants, and the late George Berridge. No known grave. Commemorated on LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 28 to 30.

**BUTLER Albert Thomas** Pte. 14452. Died 29 December 1915 aged 19. 6th. Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. Resident of Stamford Road, Geddington. Half-Brother of Frank Dainty. Buried at Meaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France Row A. Grave 27.

**CATT Arthur F** Pte. G/58775. Died 19 September 1917 aged 39. 32nd Bn., Royal Fusiliers. Resident of Newton and brother of Horace Catt of Newton. Buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium Section LVII. Row F. Grave 36.

**CHAPMAN Bertram** Private 15071, "A" Company, 11th Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died of wounds 29 September 1915. Aged 23. Resident of Geddington. Son of Isaac and Sarah Elizabeth Chapman, of Church Gate, Geddington. Buried in LA PUGNOY MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France. Plot I. Row D. Grave 49A.

**CLIPSTONE Frederick** Private 14<sup>th</sup> London Regiment. Died 1 June 1920. Aged 33. Son of Charles and Amelia Clipstone. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**COLES Steven** Gnr 55154. 90th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 24 December 1917, aged 22. Resident of Newton. Grandson of Agnes Coles. Buried at MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY, Belgium VI. BB. 40.

**COOPER Thomas** William Pte. 15064, 11th Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died 15 October 1916. Aged 36. Resident Geddington, Northants. Son of John and Rebecca Cooper; husband of Mary Elizabeth Cooper of Geddington. Buried in BANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France. Plot VIII. Row D. Grave 1.

**CRICK Harold Ernest** Pte. 268502, 1st/7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died 16 June 1918. Aged 23. Son of Ernest and Emma Crick, of Geddington. Buried in CAVALLETTO BRITISH CEMETERY, Italy. Plot 1. Row F. Grave 6.

**DAINTY John Bertram** Private 49827, 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 19 October 1918. Son of Mr. J. T. Dainty, of Red House, Geddington. Buried in TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE, Pas de Calais, France. Plot VIII. Row C. Grave 18.

**DARKER Cecil George** Private 203547, 7th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Died 10 August 1917. Aged 19. Son of William J. and Sarah Ann Darker, of 22, Grafton Rd., Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 31 and 33.

**ELSON W H** Pte. 22919. Died 16 August 1916, aged 21. 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. Resident of Northampton. Son of William and Agnes Elson of Queen Street, Geddington. Buried at Bazentin-Le-Petit Communal Cemetery Extn., France. Sp. Mem. Row A Grave 6.

**HANNAN George Giles** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Died 17 August 1917 aged 20. 8th Bn., Suffolk Regiment. Resident of Geddington. Son of Alfred George and Rosetta Hannan, of Kettering, Northants. From 1914 to 1916 served with "B" Sqdn. Northants Yeomanry. Buried in Brand Hoek New Military Cemetery No.3, Belgium. Section I. Row A. Grave 21.

**HECTOR Thomas Robert** Pte. 65901. Died 4 October 1917, aged 22. 13th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) formerly 32423, Northamptonshire Regiment. Resident of Chapel Lane, Geddington. Son of Thomas & Harriet Hector. Buried in ZANTVOORDE BRITISH CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot III. Row D. Grave 16.

**HIGGS Harry James** Pte. 9142, 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Died 12 November 1914. Aged 19. Son of George and Eliza Higgs, of Grange Rd., Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 37 and 39.

**HIPWELL George Ashton** Pte. 016199, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Died 23 April 1917. Aged 28. Husband of Grace C. Hipwell, of "Redcliffe," Geddington. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARYMAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**JOHNSON James William** Pte. SPTS/5330. Died 13 April 1917. Aged 24. 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Son of Mary Jane Clipston, of Star Lane, Geddington, Kettering. Buried in DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN, Pas de Calais, France. Section III. Row G. Grave 6.

**MILLER George** Pte. 13301, Died 9 May 1915. Aged 21. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Resident of Malting Lane, Geddington. Son of William & Rebecca Miller. No known grave. Commemorated on LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 28 to 30.

**MOORE Alfred** Pte. 7085, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 17 April 1918. Aged 33. Son of Henry and Eleanor Moore. Resident of Geddington. Buried in HARINGHE (BANDAGHEM) MILITARY CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot V. Row D. Grave 7.

**MOORE Sydney George** Pte. 17643, 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 17 February 1917. Aged 19. Son of Harry and Mary Jane Moore, of Kettering Rd., Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 A and 11 D.

**OSBOND Sidney James** Pte. 45791, 2nd Battalion, South Wales Borderers formerly M/225697, Royal Army Service Corps. Died 1 July 1917. Aged 19. Son of Thomas and Clara Osbond, of Queen Street, Geddington. Buried in MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot II. Row E. Grave 43.

**PATRICK William Arthur** Pte. 6135, 4th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment. Died 21 December 1916. Aged 24. Son of William and Catherine Beatrice Patrick, of Stone House, Queen Street, Geddington. Buried in CONTAY BRITISH CEMETERY, CONTAY, Somme, France. Plot VII. Row B. Grave 1.

**PATRICK Harry Arthur.** Royal Army Service Corps. Wounded in action 4 Jul 1916, discharged 17 Mar 1919, died of wounds 20 January 1920, aged 37. Resident of 16 Queen Street, Geddington. Son of John T & Ellen Patrick. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARYMAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**PATRICK Lionel John George.** Royal Horse Guards Machine Gun Regiment. Son of George Henry Patrick. Resident of Park View, Kettering Rd., Geddington. Enlisted 1916, discharged in 1919 to Eastbourne, and died of wounds 1 March 1920. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARYMAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**PATRICK Roland Charles** Pte. 15117, 11th Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died 22 April 1917. Aged 22. Son of John T & Ellen Patrick. of 16, Queen St., Geddington, Kettering. No known grave. Commemorated on LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 85 to 87.

**PIDDINGTON George William** Pte. 202387, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 24 March 1918. Aged 39. Son of the late John and Mary Piddington; husband of Agnes E. Piddington, of Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Panel 54 to 56.

**RAWSON Ernest Charles.** Air Mechanic 2nd Class 10096, 47<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. Died 7 April 1917. Aged 20. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Rawson, of Grange Rd., Geddington. Buried in SARIGOL MILITARY CEMETERY, KRISTON, Greece. Plot B. Grave 253.



**RAWSON John George.** Private 37476, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Died 16 August 1917. Aged 22. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Rawson, of Grange Rd., Geddington. Buried in HOOGECRATER CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot IV. Row D. Grave 4.

**REECE Henry William** Acting Sergeant 3/11042, 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 3 July 1915. Aged 33. Son of late John George & Emma Reece; husband of Edith M Durrant (formerly Reece), of Grange Road, Geddington. Buried in QUARRY CEMETERY, VERMELLES, Pas de Calais, France. Row A. Grave 28.

**RICH Sidney.** Pte. 2269, 9<sup>th</sup> Bn., East Surrey Regiment. Died 26 September 1915, aged 34. Husband of Rebecca Rich of Wood Street, Geddington. Buried at CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, Souchez, France. Section XI Row E. Grave 1.

**SIMONS Frederic John** Pte. 13285, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 9 May 1915, aged 21. Son of Mrs. Eleanor Elizabeth Simons who was originally from Geddington and was a servant (linen maid) at Buckingham Palace in 1911. No known grave. Commemorated at LE TOURET MEMORIAL, France. Panel 28 to 30.

**SLOUGH Ernest William.** Pte. 33582 6<sup>th</sup> Bn., Bedfordshire Regiment. Died 19 February 1917, aged 19. Resident of West Street, Geddington. Buried at ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY, LOOS, France. Section III. Row A. Grave 30.

**STANTON Arthur Frederick Aubrey.** Pte. 15113, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died 26 September 1915. Aged 24. Son of Arthur & Ellen Stanton of Grafton Road, Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 85 to 87.

**STANTON Roland Charles.** Pte. 15112, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died 26 September 1915. Aged 23. Son of Arthur & Ellen Stanton of Grafton Road, Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 85 to 87.

**TABRUM Frederick James.** Pte. M2/202134 Army Service Corps. Died 8 November 1918, aged 27. Husband of Daisy Tabrum of 2 Wood St., Geddington. Buried at TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, France. Section VI. Row D. Grave 5.

**TOWNLEY Charles.** Driver 234526, 210<sup>th</sup> Brigade H.Q., Royal Field Artillery. Died 9 November 1918, aged 24, at York General Hospital of pneumonia following wounds. Son of Ruth Townley and the late Samuel Lee Townley, of Wood St., Geddington. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**TOWNLEY Frederick** Pte. G/25267, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion., Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 14 April 1918. Aged 19. Son of Ruth Townley and the late Samuel Lee Townley, of Wood St., Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 1 and 2.

**WALPOLE Harold Edgar.** Able Seaman R/6329, Anson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Died 11 November 1918. Aged 19. Son of Henry Francis and Mary Ann Walpole, of 26, Wood St., Geddington. Buried on the east side of NOUVELLES COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Hainaut, Belgium.

**WHITE Frederick Joseph.** Rifleman P/99, 16<sup>th</sup> Bn., Rifle Brigade. Died 4 July 1916, aged 21. Son of Emma White, of Wood Street, Geddington. Buried at LE TOURET MILITARY CEMETERY, RICHEBOURG-L'AVOUE, France. Section III. Row J. Grave 27.

**WHITE William Turner** Pte. 20172, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Died of wounds in Mesopotamia 26 February 1917, aged 37. Resident of Queen Street, Geddington. Son of Joseph and Mary White (dec'd). Buried in AMARA WAR CEMETERY, Iraq. Plot XXIX. Row B. Grave 57/66.

## Later Deaths

The following died of war-related causes in the years following the Great War:

**BLACK John Thomas** Grenadier Guards. Badly wounded in 1916. Discharged. Died 9 July 1922, aged 27. Resident of West. St. Geddington. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**HIGGS Stephen** Royal Artillery. Died 03 September 1921, aged 24. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**HIPWELL Samuel Henry.** Royal Engineers Resident of West Street, Geddington. Discharged with shell shock November 1916. Died 17 February 1922, aged 41.

**MOORE Frank Roy** Machine Gun Corps. Developed TB as a Prisoner of War. Died of Typhoid fever at Wellingborough Isolation Hospital 31 May 1924 aged 27. Burial place unknown.

**PIDDINGTON Joseph Levi** Pte. 202197 Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment. Badly wounded in 1916. Discharged. Died 19 July 1923, aged 42. Burial place unknown.

## 1939-1945

**ABBOTT John Thomas** Rifleman 14660169, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Died 8 March 1945. Aged 33. A resident of Church Hill, Geddington. He is buried in REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Plot 49. Row C. Grave 9.

**BAKER Henry John** Sergeant 5669993, 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Died 12 November 1943. Aged 29. Son of William and Alice Amelia Baker; husband of Annie Meikle Baker, of Geddington. A resident of Kettering Road, Geddington. No known grave. Commemorated on the CASSINO MEMORIAL, Italy. Panel 3.

**BLANCHARD Harry** Lance Corporal 5886956, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died of wounds 22 January 1944. Aged 26. Son of Charles Blanchard, and of E.E. Blanchard, of Geddington. Buried in MINTURNO WAR CEMETERY, Italy. Plot III. Row B. Grave 25.

**CHAPMAN Edward Brooks Cecil** Sergeant 563626 RAF. Died 20 December 1941. Aged 28. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman, of Newton. Commemorated on the SINGAPORE MEMORIAL. Column 410.

**GREEN James William** Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 1157782, 930 Balloon Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 15 September 1940. Aged 32. Son of William and Eliza Green, husband of Alice Grace Christine Green. Resident Queen Street, Geddington. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARYMAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**HOPKINS Alfred George** Marine PO/X 103550, 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Marines. Died 15 June 1942. Aged 30. Resident of Kettering. Son of Arthur and Annie Hopkins of Geddington and wife of Lucy. Died in Northampton following an accident at Tenby, Wales. He sustained a fractured skull when the carrier he was in overturned. Buried in LONDON ROAD CEMETERY, KETTERING. Row OO. Grave 15.

**JARMAN Thomas Robert Hector** Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 102394 Royal Navy HM Trawler Tamarisk. Died 12 August 1940. Aged 21. Resident of Grange Road, Geddington. Husband of Harriet Hector. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL. Panel 42, Column 3.

**MITCHELL Ernest John Thomas** Pte. 5888999, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died of wounds in Sicily 11 August 1943. Aged 29. Son of Ernest and Betsy Mitchell of Queen St. Geddington. Husband of Gladys Elsie Mitchell. Buried in SYRACUSE WAR CEMETERY, SICILY, Italy. Plot IV. Row D. Grave 12.

**RAWSON Margaret Elsie.** Women's Royal Air Force. Died 24 June 1944, aged 23 in Bradford, Yorkshire. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**SWAN Ronald Charles** Ord. Smn. Royal Navy # P/JX 553417 - H.M.S. Chanticleer. Died 18 November 1943. Aged 22. Resident of Newton. Son of Harold John and Hilda Swan and husband of Mary Swan. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL. Panel 76, Column 3.

**TEBBUTT Allen Parker** Sergeant (Navigator) 1583675, 103 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 26 August 1944. Aged 21. Son of William Parker Tebbutt and Gertrude Jessie Tebbutt, of Geddington. Buried in GEDDINGTON (ST. MARY MAGDALENE) CHURCHYARD.

**WALKER Charles Alexander** Flight Sergeant 875132, 260 Squadron, Royal Air Force. Died 26 November 1944. Aged 21. Son of William and Catherine Fanny Walker, of Geddington. Buried in NAPLES WAR CEMETERY, Italy. Plot IV. Row C. Grave 4.

**WALKER George William** Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) 1212018, 106 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 31 March 1944. Aged 24. Son of William and Catherine Fanny Walker, of Geddington. Buried in HANOVER WAR CEMETERY Niedersachsen, Germany. Joint grave 8. A. 15-16.

**WHITBREAD William Ellis Leslie** Flying Officer (Pilot) 178540, RAF Volunteer Reserve 10 Sqdn. Died 17 January 1945. Aged 34. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitbread and husband of Mary L. Whitbread. No known grave. Commemorated on RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL, Surrey. Panel 268.

## Commonwealth War Graves

There are four war dead commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) who are buried in the churchyard at St. Mary Magdalene, Geddington:

<b>James William Green</b>	d. 15 September 1940, Age 32	<b>buried in Grave D 35</b>
<b>George Ashton Hipwell</b>	d. 23 April 1917, Age 28	<b>buried in Grave A 103</b>
<b>Allen Parker Tebbutt</b>	d. 26 August 1944, Age 21	<b>buried in Grave A 34</b>
<b>Charles Townley</b>	d. 9 November 1918, Age 24	<b>buried in Grave C 118</b>

In addition, there are seven men who are commemorated elsewhere by the CWGC and also by their families on memorials in Geddington churchyard.

**Harold Ernest Crick** d. 16 June 1918 commemorated by his family at Grave A64 & buried by the CWGC at Cavalletto British Cemetery, Italy

**Roland Charles Patrick** d. 22 April 1917. No known grave: commemorated by his family at Grave A98 & by the CWGC on the Loos Memorial, France

**Harry James Higgs** d. 12 November 1914. No known grave: commemorated by his family at Grave A88 & by the CWGC on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**Frederick Townley** d. 14 April 1918 No known grave: commemorated by his family at Grave C117 & by the CWGC at the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**Sidney George Moore** d. 17 February 1917. No known grave: commemorated by his family at Grave C93 (missing) & by the CWGC at the Thiepval Memorial, France

**Harold Edgar Walpole** d. 11 November 1918. Commemorated by his family at Grave A37-A42 & buried by the CWGC in Nouvelles Communal Cemetery, Belgium

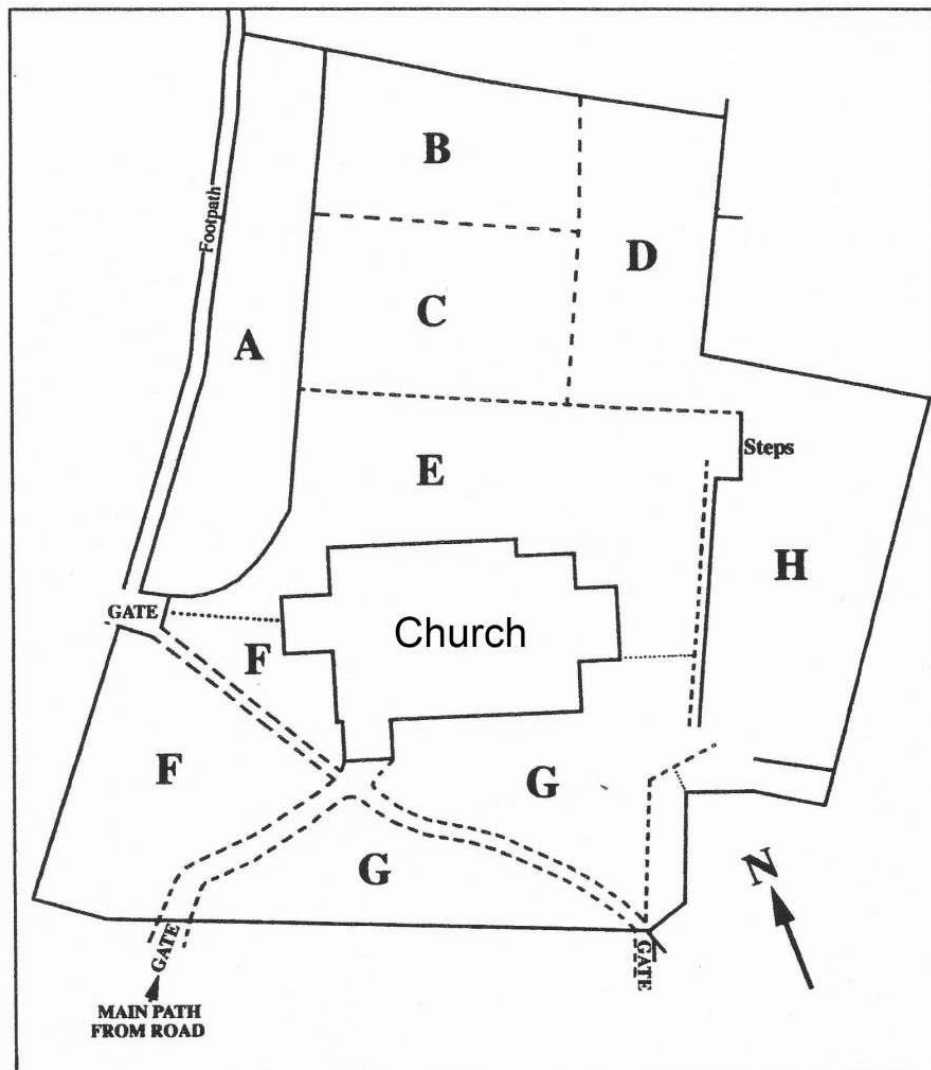
**Sidney James Osbond** d. 1 July 1917 commemorated by his family at Grave D30 & buried by the CWGC in Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

Although not commemorated by the CWGC, the following men died after the end of the Great War of war-related causes and are buried in the churchyard:

<b>Harry Arthur Patrick</b> d. 20 January 1920, aged 37	<b>Grave A 98</b>
<b>Lionel John George Patrick</b> d. 20 January 1920, aged 22	<b>Grave A 93</b>
<b>Frederick Clipstone</b> d. 1 June 1920, aged 33	<b>Grave C 97</b>
<b>Stephen Ernest Higgs</b> , d. 3 September 1921, aged 24	<b>Grave A 88</b>
<b>Samuel Henry Hipwell</b> , d. 17 February 1922, aged 41	<b>Grave E 15</b>
<b>John Thomas Black</b> , d. 9 July 1922. Aged 27	<b>Grave C 77</b>
<b>Joseph Levi Piddington</b> , d. 19 July 1923, aged 42	<b>Grave A 100</b>



# The Churchyard



*Plan of the Churchyard*

The War Memorial stands in Section 'F' of the churchyard, immediately south-west of the path that bisects this section (see plan).

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 the memorial was designated as a Grade II listed structure by Historic England [List Entry Number: 1425141]



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# Who We Are



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St Mary Magdalene, Geddington is part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Peterborough.

We worship God in in both modern and ancient Anglican tradition; and every week offer a wide range of services and social events for all ages and preferences, We extend a special welcome to all who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, rich or poor; and children of all ages are always welcome.

Our main Sunday services are at 9.45am; there is a vibrant Sunday School, and midweek services are usually at 10am on Tuesdays and Fridays. There are also plenty of events and activities throughout the year. Visitors are welcome, and guided tours of the church can be arranged via the contacts below.

## Further Reading

*The History and Antiquities of Geddington* by C.A. Markham (1899)

*Geddington, A Village at War*, by Melvyn Hopkins (1989) – ISBN 978-0951502907

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