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## Stained Glass Window at Benalla Methodist Church



Benalla Uniting Church [formerly Methodist], First World War memorial inscription, artist unknown 1930



Benalla Uniting Church WWI memorial inscription.jpg

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### Location

Corner Carrier and Church Streets, Benalla, BENALLA RURAL CITY

### Municipality

BENALLA RURAL CITY

### Level of significance

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### Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Hermes Number	196628
Property Number	

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

*Albury Banner and Wodonga Express*, 10 October 1930, p. 43; *Argus*, 6 October 1930, p.14; *North Eastern Ensign*, 26 September 1930, p. 3.

## Memorial Window Subject

Joshua

## Memorial Window Text

As Captain of the Host of the Lord I will Come

## Memorial Window Inscription

In grateful memory of all those who served the Empire in the Great War Erected by the scholars of our Sunday School and the young people of this Church

## Memorial Window Description & History

The Methodist Church was established in Benalla by the Reverend John Donnes in 1875. The foundation stone for a new church, designed by AS Eggleston and built by Mr. R Mould, was laid by the Reverend John W Rowse, President of the Victorian and Tasmanian Methodist Conference on 26 March 1930. The new building was reported to cost £5,500 and the soldiers' memorial window was listed among the windows at the time of the opening of the church. The congregation became part of the Uniting Church of Australia in 1977.

The subject of the window is *Joshua* as he sought God's guidance for the Children of Israel. The camp is seen in the background, while the people were gathered around the walls of Jericho. Old Testament subjects are relatively rare in stained glass, however *Joshua* is particularly favoured by Methodist churches. The designer and maker of the window is unknown.

An opus sectile plaque below the window listed the names of thirty-six men who enlisted for the church. Stanley L Clay, Herbert Frank Dosser, Howard Nelson, Ernest Cornford and David Briggs all died while in the service of God, King and country.

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