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# Stained Glass Window at Malvern Holy Advent Anglican Church



Malvern Holy Advent  
Anglican Church east WWI  
memorial Montgomery 1923

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## Location

Kooyong Road, Malvern, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON 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	Montgomery, William,
Hermes Number	196780
Property Number	

## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

*Church of England Messenger*, 9 December 1910, p.1278; 9 January 1920, p.104; 31 March 1920, p.151; 9 July 1920, p.330; 30 August 1920, p.398; 18 February 1921, p.85; 4 March 1921, p.110; 8 December 1921, p.598; 15 March 1923, pp.143-44. Letterbooks 4/943, 4/837-38, 12, 27 National Gallery of Australia Research Collection, Canberra ACT. Folio 174, Montgomery ledger; Photograph of Holy Advent window; Montgomery 1922 diary; William Montgomery Collection, State Library of Victoria.

## Memorial Window Subject

Coming of Christ

## Memorial Window Text

[LH] unknown [Centre] King of Kings and Lord of Lords [RH] Make ye ready the way of the Lord

## Memorial Window Inscription

Constantly speak the truth boldly rebuke vice and patiently suffer for the truth's sake

In memory of the Volunteers in the Great War 1914 to 1919

## Memorial Window Description & History

The three-light east window at Holy Advent Anglican Church was unfilled with historiated glass when the building opened in 1910, however, only ten years later, the vestry determined to replace the existing east window with a larger three-light or a five-light window to appropriately recognise the contribution of church members to the First World War. Stained glass artist, William Montgomery, after considerable discussion with the Reverend EJB White, designed a complex five-light window based on the *Coming of Christ* with four smaller figures of *Warrior Saints* in the tracery lights; in keeping with the window's purpose, the AIF badge was located in the head of the arch. Other symbols of the Christian faith filled the smaller tracery pieces in the arch.

Fund-raising began in 1920 and a glance at the *Messenger* shows that the Reverend White ensured the project was well publicised and, although it took some years, the congregation raised the necessary funds. Initially it was thought the window would cost 'more than £300-' but the final figure was £520, including a memorial brass. Painting commenced on 7 December 1922 and the window was unveiled and dedicated by Bishop Green on the 4 March 1923. An account (Job No. 4859) was sent to Mr. RE Merrett on 1 March. £200 was paid immediately and the balance paid by the 4 April 1923.

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