
Stained Glass Window at Essendon St. John's Presbyterian [now Uniting] Church



Essendon St Johns Uniting
Crown of Life St George

Location

Mount Alexander Road, Essendon, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	E. L. Yencken & Co, Frater, William,
Hermes Number	196930
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA : B2455, Parker, Harold Carlyle; Bob Chalmers, 'Memorial Windows and other Memorials of St. John's Uniting Church - Essendon', (2010).

Memorial Window Subject

St. George

Memorial Window Text

Thy Will Be Done

Memorial Window Inscription

In loving memory of Lieut. Harold Carlyle Parker 37th Battln. Died of Wounds in the German lines at Armentieres 30th Jany 1917 Aged 23[?] years

Memorial Window Description & History

St. John's was established as a Presbyterian Church in 1852. The present building, designed by HW & FB Tompkins, was opened in 1927 with its distinctive spire dedicated to the men from St. John's who died in the First World War. A number of memorials were in place when the building opened and *St. George* was dedicated at the 75th anniversary celebrations of the church in December 1927. A helmeted St. George was the subject of stained glass artist, William 'Jock' Frater's commemorative church windows from about 1919, including installations at Christ Church Anglican, Birregurra and Holy Trinity Anglican, Maldon. His Arts & Crafts style did not appeal to all clients and often he modified his Scottish training in this style to please a more conservative clientele.

Harold Carlyle Parker was born at Elsterwick in 1892. He enlisted on 11 October 1915, aged 23 years, with military experience in the Victorian Scottish Regiment and the Victorian Rangers. Joining the 15th reinforcements for 6 Battalion he transferred to 37 Battalion from April 1916. After leaving Melbourne on HMAT *Persic*, on 3 June 1916, he disembarked in England where he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. A month after his arrival in France he took part in a raid of German trenches at Armentieres on Christmas Day and was reported wounded and missing in January 1917; this was later amended to Prisoner of War. He died of wounds and was buried by German hands in Military Cemetery Lambersart France; he was re-buried later at Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, France.

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