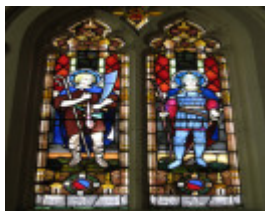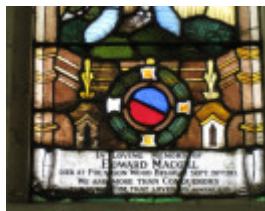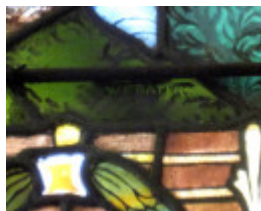# Stained Glass Window at Essendon St. John's Presbyterian [now Uniting] Church



Essendon St Johns Uniting David and Jonathan



Essendon St Johns Uniting Jonathan inscription



Essendon St Johns Uniting Jonathan signature

## Location

Mount Alexander Road, Essendon, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

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## 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 | E. L. Yencken &amp; Co,  Frater, William, |
| Hermes Number | 196932 |
| Property Number | |

## Memorial Window References &amp; Acknowledgements

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

## Memorial Window Subject

Jonathan

## Memorial Window Text

"We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us". Romans, 8.37

## Memorial Window Inscription

In loving memory of Edward Macgill died at Polygon Wood Belgium Sept. 20th, 1917.

## Memorial Window Description &amp; History

The *David* and *Jonathan* windows were both made by EL Yencken & Co. from designs prepared by the firm's senior stained glass artist, William 'Jock' Frater (note signature). Just like the Biblical David and Jonathan, the window reflects the close bonds between the two young men in whose honour the window was erected. The two lights are among Frater's most successful Arts & Crafts windows, where he used a bold painterly style to depict the two young heroes. In the base panel of each light was a laurel wreath surrrounding the colour patch of the 11 Brigade Australian Field Artillery.

Edward Macgill was a farmer and almost 27 years of age when he joined up on 17 April 1916. Initially in the 119 Howitzer Battery, he embarked on HMAT *Aeneas* in Melbourne on 2 October 1916, arriving at Plymouth the following month. He landed in France on 16 March 1917 and joined 2 Division and then 4 Division Artillery not long afterwards. With his friend Edward Rowe, he transferred to 11 Field Artillery Brigade on 21 June 1917. Gunner Macgill was killed in action in Belgium on 20 September 1917 and was buried near Ypres, at Menin Road South Military Cemetery.

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