
Stained Glass Window at Camberwell St. Mark's Anglican Church



Camberwell St. Mark's
Anglican Church, St. George,
Ninian Comper 1955

Location

Burke Road, Camberwell, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA 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	Comper, J Ninian,
Hermes Number	196951
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

Martin Harrison, *Victorian Stained Glass*, 1980, pp.72-3; Margaret A. Hookey, *St. Mark's Camberwell, the first seventy-five years*, 1998, p.87.

Memorial Window Subject

St. George

Memorial Window Text

none

Memorial Window Inscription

To the glory of God in memory of the Men of Anzac this window was given by the Boys and Girls of the Camberwell Church of England Grammar Schools 1955

Memorial Window Description & History

The designer of *St. George* was the British stained glass artist, Sir John Ninian Comper (1864-1960). Comper was born in Aberdeen and was apprenticed to the stained glass artist, Charles Eamer Kempe before training as an architect with Bodley and Garner. It is worth noting that these windows were designed when Comper was already in his nineties, having trained in the Victorian period. Although well-known in Britain for his stained glass he made few windows for Australian churches. He usually signed his work, either with his initials- 'JNC', as he did in this example, or with a small strawberry rebus.

The window, placed on the east wall of the Warrior's Chapel of St. George, was unveiled on 6 November 1955 by Brigadier CS Barber, MC, VD, an Old Boy of Camberwell Grammar School. The Archbishop of Melbourne, JJ Booth, dedicated the window. Sir Ninian Comper also designed another two-light war memorial window in the church, which depicted *St. Peter Apostle* and *Edith Cavell* (see separate entry).

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