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## Walter Ramsbottom Evers

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### Walter Ramsbottom Evers

On Remembrance Sunday 2019 Heston shared an old Bible with the church with the following inscription: Heston wondered if Walter then went off to serve with the forces in World War I and if he came back. With that challenge, ... [Continue reading](#)



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Many years ago Jean took a cutting from a forsythia bush in the old vicarage garden and it is now flourishing in this location!

The old vicarage was recently demolished and is being [redeveloped by St George's Crypt](#) into 14 self- contained flats.



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## The Old Vicarage

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Those of you who live locally may have noticed the barriers and signs going up around the old All Hallows' vicarage during the last few weeks and you may have wondered what is happening.

The old vicarage is owned by [St George's Crypt](#) and has been run as a "wet house" for many years with the aim of "encouraging them to cut down on alcohol consumption and gain control of their lives, whilst improving their physical and emotional well-being." They now plan to redevelop the site to provide flats as part of their support for helping to get people back onto their feet. The old vicarage is due to be demolished in the near future. It will be sad to see it go!

If you have any memories of the old All Hallows' vicarage when it still owned by the church do please share them with us.





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## Remembrance Day – some research into little known facts

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This morning, our guest, Adam Aslam shared our Remembrance Day service and shared with us some little known facts. As many as 400,000 Muslims made up one-third of the Indian Army of 1.3 million, along with 100,000 Sikhs, and up to 800,000 Hindu soldiers who fought on the British side from 1914 to 1918.

Further research shows that over 62 000 Indian soldiers were killed in action, obviously many more were injured and Brighton Pavilion was used as a hospital for Indian soldiers. Eight Indians received the Victoria Cross!

But Muslims from other countries such as the North African states also fought and so the total number Muslim soldiers was over 885 000 soldiers of whom at least 89 000 died.

Of course, many Indian soldiers and Muslims from all nations also fought on the side of the Allies during the Second World War. A little research using Google reveals some amazing stories that we are so ignorant about. Sadly, my research also uncovered some websites that were hostile to this information and are trying to stir up fear, suspicion, doubt and even hatred.

During this anti-Islamaphobia month, and beyond, I think it would be good for us to explore some of the amazing stories of these people who left their homes on the other side of the world and came to fight alongside our ancestors and for us to work on breaking down the fear and suspicion that so many people have for our Muslim brothers and sisters.

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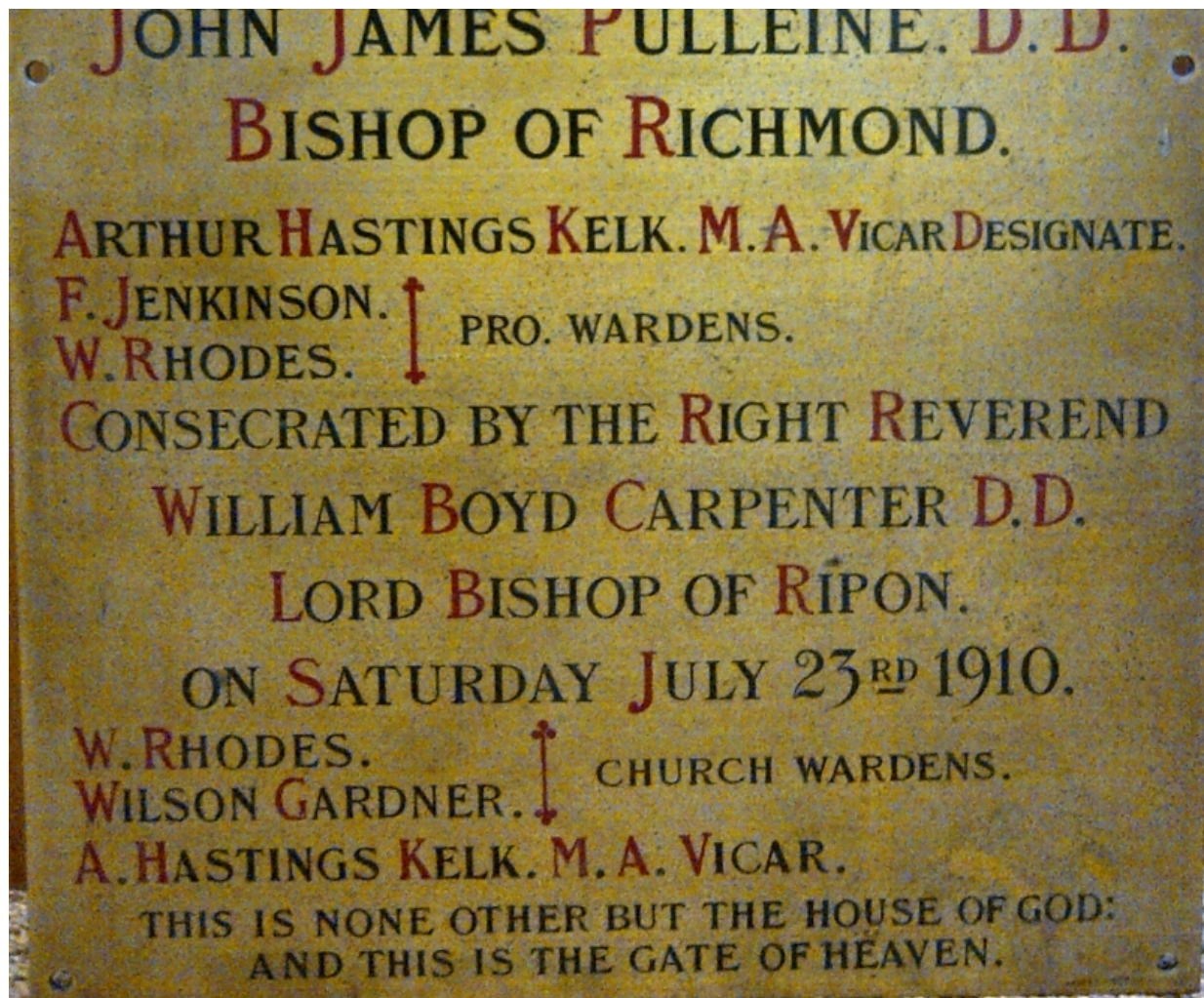
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It was a very windy morning this morning with the winds gusting gale force so there was little point in trying to do much work outside so our focus was inside including:

- cleaning the entrance walls and filling holes – hopefully we will be able to repaint it soon
- cleaning and tidying the cafe cupboard and putting in some new shelves
- cleaning the cooker hood and it's filter – the filter proved to be too old and dirty so we will have to get a new one
- tidying the children's room – perhaps the less said about that room the better but it looks fantastic now!

I spent a few minutes in the basement clearing some “stuff” in preparation for putting up some new shelves in the next few weeks. I thought I had seen everything that we had in the basement but tucked behind some existing shelves I found the following:





So now I want to know more about George Temple! If anyone has any information do please get in touch.

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## The Consecration of the Parish Church of All Hallows Leeds,



## February 10th, 1974

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Below is an extract from the service brochure used at the service for “The Consecration of the Parish Church of All Hallows Leeds, February 10th, 1974” plus a scan of the whole brochure.

### *A SHORT HISTORY OF THE PARISH*

*The Parish of All Hallows emerged, like so many others in our big cities, towards the end of the Victorian age, when the church was trying to keep pace with the rapid rise in population of those years. In 1876 a small mission hut was established on Hartwell Road. Soon a new church was planned with the first incumbent, the Reverend Martyn Allnutt, taking personal charge of all building work. The work was completed in 1886 when the first church was consecrated.*

*During the Edwardian era the life of the district and of its church reached a high peak, with 800 children in Sunday School, 50 men in the Bible Class and a Company of the Church Lads' Brigade proudly making its contributions during the first world war.*

*After the war the wealthy families gradually moved away, but the church continued a faithful witness with outstanding examples of christian faith and charity in each generation.*

*During the past decade the old Victorian housing has slowly been cleared. New housing has started to take its place and the whole area is scheduled for high density rehousing as the old comes down.*

*On April 29th, 1970, the old church was devastated by fire. Worship continued in the rather cramped conditions of the Parish Hall and latterly in our neighbouring parish church of St. Augustine, Wrangthorn. We pray that the new church will be the start of a new era for the whole district after the years of demoralisation and decay. At our consecration service we welcome many members of Wrangthorn Church, a sign of our growing unity with our neighbours.*

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## Remembering Andrew Shackleton – his TV interviews

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Andrew Shackleton appearing on *Sunday Live* November 1997

After the service last Sunday (9 March) we showed a 6-minute video clip of Andrew Shackleton debating the issues of being gay and Christian with Rev Steve Donnell, a member of 'Reform', a fundamentalist group within the Church of England. This was from an edition of the *Sunday Live* programme transmitted on 20 October 1996; the interviewer was John Stapleton.

If you missed it, or would like to see it again, I've now put the video clip up on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/kO7lIFDRmpo>.

There is also another *Sunday Live* interview that Andrew did, dated 30 November 1997, in which he debates same-sex parenting with Dr Peggy Norris. I've put that one up on YouTube too, at

<http://youtu.be/jpWNw67x2s8>. It's slightly longer at 7 minutes 39 seconds.

At that time, in the mid- to late 1990s, *Sunday Live* was produced by Fiona Thompson, and that is how Fiona and Andrew met. Later they were both deeply involved in [The Sacred Wing](#), the lesbian and gay choir (an offshoot of Gay Abandon) whose concerts of choral works and carols have become an annual pre-Christmas tradition at All Hallows. It is Fiona who kindly dug into the archives to provide DVDs of the relevant *Sunday Live* programmes.

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## A gift from the past...

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These four stoles (pictured) arrived recently with the accompanying letter from Mrs Rosemary Evans of Bedford. Mrs Evans writes that the stoles belonged to the late Reverend John Frame (vicar of All Hallows 1942-50) and were passed to John's sister Joyce, who thought we might be glad to receive them.



The letter goes on:

*“After being educated at Reading School, (John) went on St Edmund Hall, Oxford, graduating with an honours degree in Modern History in 1935; his ordination as a priest in the Church of England followed training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. His curacies in Leeds between 1937 and 1940 were at St George’s and St Cyprian’s churches and during his incumbency at All Hallows church (1942-50) he was at some time Scoutmaster of the 11<sup>th</sup> Northwest Leeds Group. After leaving the church he taught religion and other subjects for many years until his retirement in 1977, dying in October 1986. I do hope that the stoles can still be put to good us.”*

I’m very glad to think that his surviving sister felt that these stoles should return to the church where her brother was once incumbent.

Steve

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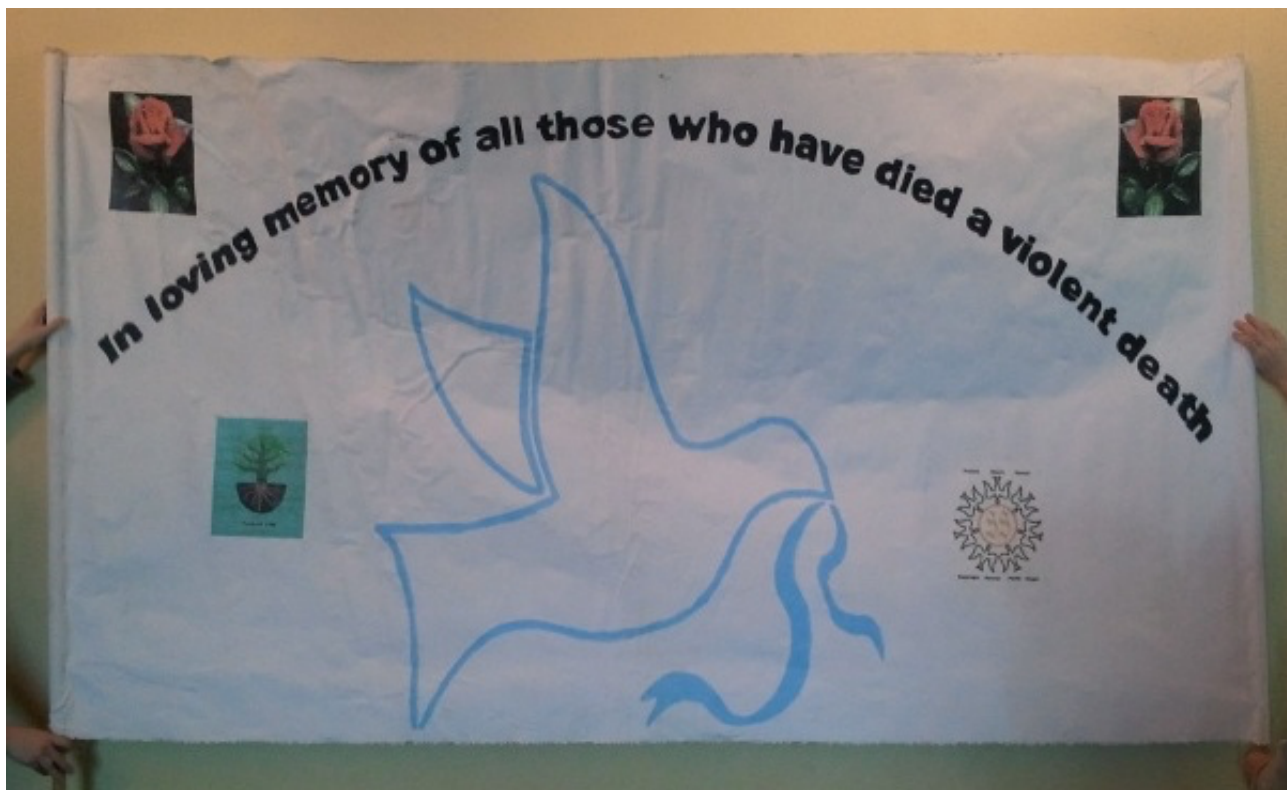
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## Church History

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I have started a section on the website to cover the history of All Hallows. There are many people who are interested in local or family history (including myself!) and so I thought it would be useful to add some information from the church archives. This will be incomplete as much of the materials have been passed onto the [West Yorkshire Archive Service](#) who have made some of this available via [Ancestry](#) and other organisations.

I have been able to scan some of the old church magazines but they are not searchable at present. In these you can find some details of baptisms, marriages and deaths as well as events.

If you have any information or images that might add to our presentation of All Hallows' history do please contact us via the [contact page](#).

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## Work Morning

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Early this morning, before the 8am start time, we arrived at church to open up to find the Rev. Steve mopping up the rain that was dripping in through the church roof. This wasn't in the plan! But we were far more fortunate than the residents of the Calder Valley who had been flooded out with over a months rain in one day.

A short time later more volunteers arrived and we got cracking with cleaning out blocked drain pipes, removing weeds from between paving stones, starting to tidy the cellar and tackling some of the church garden.

The Rev. Steve served us a super cooked breakfast washed down with lots of tea and then it was back to work.





Hard hats weren't really needed – this is a child's toy hat!



All help was welcomed

Great fun was had and we felt that we achieved quite a lot of work. We also discovered some old furnishings and this lid of a box. It appears to be the lid from a box that held silver chalices and was “Given in loving memory of Francis William Tetley by his children Oct 30th 1886”. Francis was the son of Joshua Tetley who founded the Tetley brewery, Francis made the company a huge success and after he died a window was dedicated to him by his children in the old All Hallows church which was built about 1885. If anyone has any photos of the window or knows more about the Tetley connection with All Hallows please let me know!



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