

# PLUMTREE PARISH CHURCH

## DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIALS (1939-1945)

SEPTEMBER 29th, 1946, at 3-0 p.m.

by the

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Archdeacon of Newark

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Collection for the Commando Benevolent Fund

HYMN 125 - "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem"

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Wisdom III., IV. & V. S. John XII. 24, XV. 13.  
Rev. XXII. 1-5.

DEDICATION OF THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS  
TO THE MEMORY OF GARETH BERNARD BANTING

AND PRAYER DESK  
TO THE MEMORY OF FREDERICK HENRY HOLMES

by the ARCHDEACON

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord;

Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you  
And with thy spirit  
Let us pray  
Lord have mercy upon us  
Christ have mercy upon us  
Lord have mercy upon us

Our Father ... but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech thee of thy merciful goodness to accept this offering which we make, not of our own, but of thine, for all things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee; and grant that this gift, which neither art nor costliness can make meet for thy service, may ever be hallowed by thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God, we dedicate this Memorial. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PROCESSION TO WAR MEMORIAL AND  
COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN.

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL—

Let us remember before God the men of this parish who fell in the war:

Gareth Bernard Banting,  
Chaplain, No. 2 Commando.

Frederick Henry Holmes,  
Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F.

Richard Alfred Terry,  
Parachute & Lincs. Regts.

Melville Francis Fortune,  
R.A.F. Regt.

O Lord our God, whose name only is excellent and thy praise above heaven and earth: We give thee high praise and hearty thanks for all those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves but laid them down for their friends; beseeching thee to give them a part and a lot in those good things which thou hast prepared for all those whose names are written in the Book of life; and grant to us, that having them always in remembrance, we may imitate their faithfulness and with them inherit the new name which thou hast promised to them that overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, we give thee humble thanks for the memory and good example of Thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We bless Thee for their courage and devotion; accept their sacrifice, we pray Thee; let it not be in vain that they have died. And as they have come out of great tribulation, grant them O Lord, that they may be pardoned and cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and received into Thy everlasting mercy; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RETURN TO THE CHURCH—

ADDRESS BY MAJOR MacCULLUM, M.C.

HYMN 261 - "Bless'd are the pure 'in heart"

Let us pray

O God, the Father Almighty, whose faithfulness never faileth: Comfort, we pray thee, the souls of all who mourn; that they may abide patiently upon Thee, and know that neither height nor depth, nor things present nor things to come, nor death nor life, can separate thy children from thy love, which is in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, mighty and merciful, hear our prayers touching every ill wherewith this world is beset, that thou remove it according to thy grace; for the afflicted, the sick, the destitute, the imprisoned, and them that have no helper, that thou succour each according to his need; and for all in the

captivity of sin, that thou deliver them at the supplication which we most humbly offer in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Commandos and all now on service—

O Lord God, our Father, our Saviour, our Might: We pray Thee take into Thy keeping those who are joined together in a trinity of arms, on sea on land and in the air in their service for King and Country. They have pledged themselves to do, to dare, to die that others may live, believing in Him who said "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Grant them faith, courage, and determination, that they may not fail in whatever duty may lie before them, and may be enabled by Thy divine grace to bear their part in establishing peace on earth and goodwill amongst men; this we ask for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.

O Almighty God, the Father of all mankind, we pray Thee to turn to thyself the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, that by the power of thy Holy Spirit peace may be established on the foundation of justice, righteousness, and truth; through him who was lifted up on the Cross to draw all men unto himself, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, who from thy throne beholdest all the kingdoms of the earth, have regard unto this our land, that it may continue a place and a people to serve thee to the end of time. Guide the governance of this Commonwealth, here and in all parts of the world, and grant that all who live beneath our flag may be so mindful of that threefold cross that they may work for the good of others, according to the example of Him who died in the service of men, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Almighty God, we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious name for giving us the victory over our enemy. We beseech Thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy, to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, and as much as in us lieth to the good of all mankind. And we beseech Thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for this Victory and Deliverance, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, to him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

HYMN 217 - "Thy Kingdom come O God."

ADDRESS BY THE ARCHDEACON.

HYMN 437 - "For all the Saints."

BLESSING.