

## **Memorial Inscriptions from the church of St Stephen, Bennett Street, Flowery Field, Hyde, Greater Manchester**

**The total cost of building the church was £8079 10s 11d. The ASHTON family contributed £5120 17s, the remainder being contributed by the parish. The church was consecrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April 1871. The tower was completed and dedicated on the 26<sup>th</sup> December 1891. The church became redundant in 2011. There is no graveyard.**

**Foundation Stone:** To the glory of God this foundation stone was laid on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1889 by Mrs. ASHTON of Newton House.

**Pulpit:** To the glory of God & in memory of Charles James ASHTON & Mary Eliza ASHTON of Newton House munificent benefactors of this church. Erected by the teachers & scholars of the Sunday School. June 17<sup>th</sup> 1894

**Font:** Presented by Betty HIGGINBOTTOM & Mary STAINTHORPE in memory of their mother Elizabeth BENNETT for many years a faithful worshipper at St. Stephens. January 1910

**Prayer Stall:** Presented in loving memory of Harold SAMUELS by his many friends and colleagues. Died 19<sup>th</sup> September 1984

**Banner:** This banner was preserved with donations given in memory of the late Mrs. Barbara M. SAMS wife of the late Mr. Eddie SAMS both of whom were members of this congregation for many years. Dedicated April 1986.

**Bookcase:** In affectionate memory of Donald MASON a former member of the choir of this church died on active service January 1945 aged 19. This bookcase was presented by the family.

**Table:** In loving memory of Joseph EYRE a worshipper at this church who died 26<sup>th</sup> March 1967.

**Lectern:** In loving memory of my wife Harriet Anne BURGUM a devote worker at church and school died May 7<sup>th</sup> 1974 aged 73.

**Electric Light brass plaque:** The electric light installed in this church is a thanksgiving for the safe return of many who served in the Great War and was dedicated on October 29<sup>th</sup> 1922. T.E. LEE, Vicar. W. ASHTON, G.A. PEDLEY, Wardens.

**Brass Plaque:** To the glory of God and in loving memory of their only son, Allan Harrison HUDSON, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 1/19<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment, who was killed in action in Gallipoli, June 13<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 20 years. The East Window is erected by his devoted father and mother.

**Brass Plaque:** To the glory of God and for the use of this parish this building was rehallowed as a place of worship and hall for parochial activities. 20<sup>th</sup> November 1979.

**Brass Plaque:** Presented in memory of Ada and Arthur MIDDLETON and Harry ABBOTT.

**Brass Plaque:** In loving memory of John COOKE J.P., Bradley House, Vicar's Warden of this church from 1904 until his death 1914, also of Hannah, his beloved wife who passed away 1928. Erected by their daughters.

**St. Stephens Church 1891 – 1991**

1891-1900 Rev. Thomas M. TOZER M.A.

1900-1919 Rev. William JEVONS M.A.

From 1904 the Curates carried on the work while the Rev. JEVONS worked in the south.

The Curates in charge were:

1904 - 1911 Rev. Sandford WOOD

1911 – 1915 Rev. F.H. COVENEY

1915 – 1919 Rev. T.E. LEE M.A.

1919 – 1930 Rev T.E. LEE M.A. as Vicar

1931 – 1933 Rev. A.R. FRAZER

1933 – 1941 Rev. A.C. PROCTOR V.C.

1941 – 1943 Rev. E.W. ROWLSON as Priest in charge

1943 – 1948 Rev. E.W. ROWLSON as Vicar

1948 – 1954 Rev. J.R. SKELHORN

1956 – 1966 Rev. R.H. JONES

1966 – 1974 Rev. R. SELWOOD

1975 – 1980 Rev. J.A. ROBERTS B.Sc. as Priest in charge

1980 – 1981 Fr. N. TOPPING as Priest in charge

1981 – 1986 Fr. N. TOPPING as Vicar

1987 – 1991 Fr. Frank WINDERBANK B.A.

**Blue Plaque:** Tameside Metropolitan Borough/Arthur Herbert PROCTER V.C./1890-1973/Born in Bootle./Awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery/in the First World War./Later ordained priest and was vicar of/St. Stephen's Church, Flowery Field/from 1933-1944./and Rector of/St. Mary's Church, Droylsden/from 1946-1951.

**Marble Plaque:**

TO/THE GLORY OF GOD/AND IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF/THE MEN FROM THIS CHURCH AND/SUNDAY SCHOOL WHO GAVE THEIR/LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 [List of names]

ALSO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN/THE SECOND GREAT WAR 1939-1945 [List of names]

BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL/GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE

**War Memorials:**

WW1	HUDSON	Allan Harrison	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	1/9 <sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment	
				KIA Gallipoli 13 June 1915 aged 20 years. East Window erected by his devoted Father and Mother.	
	BARKER	Walter			
	CAWLEY	Robert			
	CLARKE	Albert			
	GEE	Edward			
	HARROP	Harry			
	HUDSON	Allen H.[Allan on East window plaque and on CWGC website]			
	HULME	Fred			
	KERFOOT	George C.			
	LEECH	Arnold			
	OGDEN	James			
	PHILLIPS	Joseph			
	TATTON	Tom			
	TIMPERLEY	Harold			
WW2	COWLING	Joseph			
	PROCTER	Cecil C.			
	BOOTE	Harold			
	GEE	Ronald			
	MASON	Donald			
	ROBINS	Walter			
	THORNICROFT	Eric			

EMPLOYEES OF NEWTON MILL WHO/MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR KING AND COUNTRY [List of names]

"MAKE THEM TO BE NUMBERED WITH THY SAINTS IN GLORY EVERLASTING"

THE NAMES OF ALL WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY/DURING EITHER OF THE GREAT WARS WILL BE/FOUND REMEMBERED IN THE BOOK OF HONOUR.

				Employees of Newton Mill. Upon demolition the plaque was removed to St Stephen's church	
WW1	BARKER	H			
	BOWER	L			
	CHARLESWORTH	F			
	DALE	J			
	DELVE	H			
	DAVENPORT	W			
	FELL	T			
	FOWLER	E.W.			
	GLEDHILL	J			
	KNOTT	W			
	LEIGH	J			
	LOMAS	J			
	PROTHEROE	E			
	TOZER	E.A.			
	WHYTE	D			
	WILKINSON	E			
WW2	BEECROFT	J.T.			
	BESWICK	G			
	BLACKSHAW	J			
	CLEE	L			
	MEYRICK	G.E.G.			
	SAXBY	J			

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