



From Worsley Road Methodist

Rededication Service

*Sunday 9 November 2014
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Gather around memorial stone (weather permitting)

Children sing (Take me back to dear old blighty)

Prayer and Lords Prayer

Loving and faithful God, we come into your presence rejoicing, we come to sing your songs of praise; we come to hear your words of power; we come to share your all-embracing love.

Be present among us as we seek to remember our past and rededicate ourselves to your future. Called to be your people we pray in the name of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Lords Prayer

Rededication

God of our past, present and future, we gather here today to mark an ending and a beginning. A journey that has changed direction. We come to mark the re-dedication of this memorial stone, from its home at Worsley Road Methodist Church to its new site at Worsley Road United Reformed Church, and we thank God that this has been allowed to happen by the generosity of the congregation here.

This journey has not been an easy one, as the closure of the church building has left us all with sadness as we remember the communion that was once shared with each other but through circumstances have had to separate. Through our

faith and our commitment to Christ, though, we will always remain connected to each other by Him. Today we acknowledge those memories and to pause for a moment to remember what was, what is today and look forward to a future with you by our side.

Now Lord is the time for us to remember with respect and honour, all of the people named on this memorial stone (PAUSE), we remember the men named here, who gave their lives in service to their country, and we are grateful that even though the stone has been moved from its original home it has come to rest and remain in a place where all may see and remember with gratitude those people named upon it.

(Silence)

Children sing (Wings)

Prayer: By a monument of marble

By a monument of marble
Or by simple wooden cross
Here we gather to remember
Sacrifice and tragic loss
Blood-red poppy petals flutter
Shadows of a war long past
All the conflict all the carnage
Sanitized by time at last

Solemn silence now surrounds us
As we stand in memory
Why should evil lead to conflict?
This eternal mystery

Troubles hearts and stirs the conscience
Urges us to think again
Face the curse of confrontation
Yet reduce this searing pain.

For the sound of war still thunders
Through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer
Even as we meet to pray
God beyond our understanding
Peace seems far beyond our reach;
Move us on to new solutions
Through that active love you teach.

Hymn O God our help in ages past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

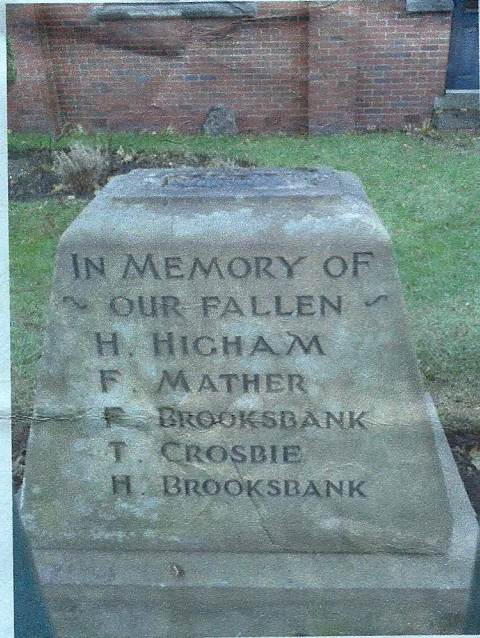
Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be our defence while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Blessing

As we move from this place our memories live on; we know that we are not alone; that you come with us; you bless us wherever our journey may lead us.

May we each know the blessing of You, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we leave this place today. Amen
Children (We'll meet again)

Please join us in the hall for refreshments.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.....