



Horwich Parish Church Holy Trinity



Commonwealth War Graves

Horwich (Holy Trinity) Churchyard is honoured to be an official War Graves Cemetery. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records show that there are 26 identified casualties buried in the Horwich (Holy Trinity) Churchyard.



When I was researching for this leaflet a number of things struck me.

- I thought the Great War ended in 1918, so was very surprised to see dates of death as late as 1921. Presumably these men died from injuries sustained earlier in combat?
- Many casualties were very young, some only teenagers, more strangely the age of some who fell was unknown!

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them"*¹.

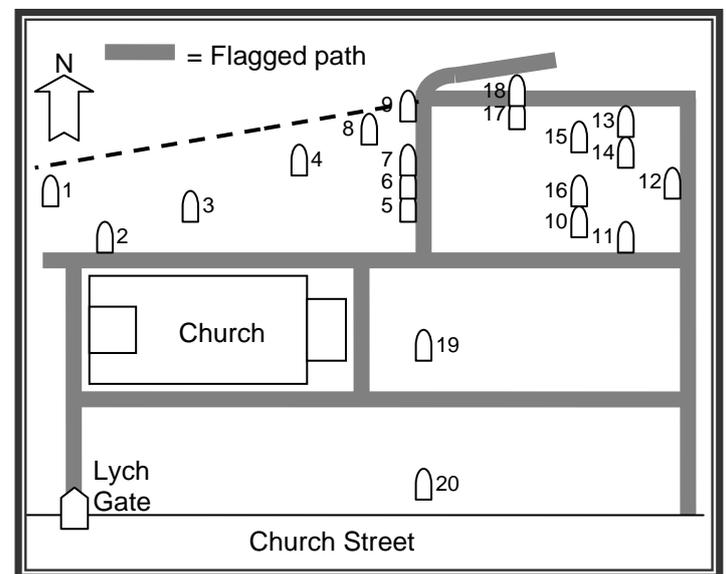
- Pte Fred Lloyd's inscription includes 'MM', The Military Medal - an award to non-officer rank for acts of bravery. One wonders what terrific selfless deed it was that caused him to receive such a high honour?
- Most of the war graves are marked by the distinctive headstone, but there are some other gravestones in the churchyard that commemorate war casualties too, e.g. Pte Arthur Davenport (No.2 on the map), who died in Mesopotamia 25/04/1916. He is officially recorded on the Basra Memorial located in modern-day Iraq but has no known grave.

*"If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
that is for ever England"*².

Please take great care when walking in the churchyard: the ground is very uneven and some of the gravestones are unsafe. Children should be supervised at all times. We regret that visitors explore the churchyard at their own risk.

Elsewhere in the town, there are 11 Commonwealth War Graves in Horwich (Ridgmont) Cemetery and a further three Commonwealth War Graves in the Horwich Lee Lane United Reformed Church and Holy Trinity Mission Church Churchyard.

This leaflet lists the details of the casualties buried here, helps you locate some of them and offers some personal reflections.



Location of some of the War Graves

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¹ Laurence Binyon, "for the Fallen"

² Rupert Brooke, "The Soldier"