

A Concert  
of WWI Words and Music  
to commemorate the centenary of the  
ending of The Great War  
1914-1918



Saturday 10th November 2018 at 2pm

St Andrew's Church

Aysgarth

We are delighted to welcome to our Festival of Remembrance Hawes Silver Band and their conductor Stanley J. Roocroft MBE; Aysgarth Singers and their conductor Stanley J. Roocroft MBE and accompanist Barbara Roocroft; and the children of West Burton's community choir, The Songbirds, together with their conductor Julie Greenslade and accompanist Barbara Greenslade. All our performers have given their services free of charge and we are grateful for their support.

Our readers are: Juliet Barker; Sophie Barker; Heather Limbach and David Poole. Although there are some famous poems among our concert readings, we have deliberately chosen to use a larger number of less familiar pieces which voice the first-hand experience of the ordinary men and women who lived through The Great War. They may not be as articulate as the great poets, but their authenticity is just as powerful, and they reflect the war-time experience of many of those from the Dales, including those whose stories are told in our exhibition. Extracts are taken from the following publications: *Forgotten Voices of The Great War* edited by Max Arthur (Ebury Press, 2003); *Last Post: The Final Word from our First World War Soldiers* edited by Max Arthur (Phoenix, 2005); Patrick MacGill, *The Great Push; an Episode of the War* (London, 1917); *Poems of the First World War* edited by Martin Stephen (Everyman, 1991); *The Wipers Times: the Famous First World War Trench Newspaper*, introduction by Christopher Westhorp (Conway Publishing, 2013); *Scars upon my Heart: Women's Poetry and Verse of the First World War* edited by Catherine W. Reilly (Virago, 1981); [www.poemhunter.com](http://www.poemhunter.com); [www.greatwar.co.uk/poems](http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems).

**The concert is in two halves of approximately 45 minutes, with a 30 minute interval during which we would ask you to wait in your seats until our stewards direct you to our refreshment area: please do take your drinks and biscuits back with you to your seats and enjoy the rest of our concert of WWI words and music. There are two toilets with disabled access at the rear of the church.**

## Programme – Part I

### **Hawes Silver Band:**

*“1914” March* arr. Gordon Mackenzie

*Cavalcade of Martial Songs* arr. Horatio Nicholl

### **Readers:** The outbreak of war

Private Albert ‘Smiler’ Marshall, 1st bn, Essex Yeomanry: on joining up, 1915

Private William Chapman, RAMC: on being assigned to a regiment, 1915

Fusilier Victor Packer, Royal Irish Fusiliers: on arriving in France, 1915

Sergeant Charles Lippett, 1/8th bn, Queen’s Royal West Surrey Regiment: on arriving in France, 1915

### **The Songbirds:**

*Peace Like a River* – African American Spiritual

*A Peace Blessing* – traditional; music by Karen Kirkland

### **Readers:** Fraternising with the enemy

Sergeant Stefan Westmann, 29th div, German Army: helping the wounded, 1914

Private Frank Sumpter, London Rifle Brigade: The Christmas Truce, 1914

Private Clifford Lane, 1st bn, Hertfordshire Regiment: Christmas dinner in the trenches, 1914

Private Ernest Todd: a lull in the fighting, 1915

### **Aysgarth Singers:**

*Look at the World* – words & music by John Rutter

*Like a Singing Bird* – Lyrics by Christina Rossetti & Robert Burns, Music by Bob Chilcott

**Readers:** Life and death in the trenches

Patrick MacGill, 1st/18th bn, The London Regiment, *Letters. Vermelles, August 1915*

Major S. Evers, Australian Corps: going over the top, 1918

Corporal Clifford Lane, 1st bn, Hertfordshire Regiment: battle of the Somme, 1916

Captain Siegfried Sassoon, 3rd bn, Royal Welch Fusiliers, *Suicide in the Trenches*, 1918

**Hawes Silver Band:**

*Beethoven's Romance* (based on the slow movement of the *Sonata Pathétique*)

"Nightfall in Camp"- Lead Kindly Light

**Please join in singing the words to Lead Kindly Light:**

Lead Kindly Light, amidst the encircling gloom

Lead Thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see

The distant scene, one step enough for me.

**At the end of this piece the church lights will be turned out and we ask you to observe silence while the Remembrance Candle is lit. The lights will then be turned on again for your applause and the interval. Please wait in your seat to be invited by our stewards to go to the refreshment area and bring your food and drink back with you to enjoy during the second half of our concert.**

## Programme – Part II

### **A Local School Pupil:**

The children from the Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton School Federation have been studying WWI and have made poppies for our poppy cascade over the high altar. Some of their work is displayed on the noticeboards on the south aisle wall. One of them will now read what they themselves have written about The Great War.

### **Hawes Silver Band:**

*Salute the Brave March* by Charles Ward

*Old Comrades March* by William Rimmer

### **Readers:** The horrors of war

Captain Reginald Thomas, Royal Artillery: a French cavalry charge, 1918

Private Fred Lloyd, Royal Field Artillery: horses at war, 1916-1918

Bombardier J W Palmer, 26th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery: Passchendaele, 1917

Lieutenant Ulrich Burke, 2nd bn, Devonshire Regiment: Passchendaele, 1917

2nd Lieutenant Wilfred Owen, Manchester Regiment: *Dulce et Decorum Est*, October 1917

### **Aysgarth Singers:**

*Thou wilt keep him in Perfect Peace* by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*O Thou, the Central Orb* by Charles Wood

**Readers: Women at war**

Mary Hillyer, Women's National Land Service Corps, 1914

Mrs M Hall, Munitions Factory Worker, 1915

Miss G M Mitchell, *The Nurse*, 30th August 1916

Mrs Scott-Hartley, Voluntary Aid Detachment, 1917

**The Songbirds:**

*Room to Grow* – Sally K Albrecht & Jay Althouse

Song of Peace – Mary Donnelly, arr. George Strid

**Readers: The Armistice, 11th November 1918**

Corporal Clifford Lane, 1st bn, Hertfordshire Regiment

Corporal Reginal Leonard Haine, 1st bn, Honourable Artillery Company

Sergeant-Major Richard Tobin, Hood bn, Royal Naval Division

Captain F J 'Fred' Roberts, 12th bn, Sherwood Foresters: *Editorial* in the final number of *The Wipers Times*, a 'trench' magazine produced at the front from February 1916 to December 1918.

Marjorie Wilson, *To [her nephew] Tony, Aged Three*: In memory of his father, the war poet Captain T P Cameron Wilson, killed in action 23rd March 1918

Laurence Binyon, Excerpt from *For the Fallen*, 21st September 1914

**Hawes Silver Band:**

*Nimrod* from *The Enigma Variations* by Edward Elgar

Florrie Forde's Favourites arr. R S Stoddon

Finale: WWI Singalong (Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag/ It's a long way to Tipperary)

**After the concert, please take the opportunity to look at our WWI-themed exhibition and flower festival: the church will remain open until 5pm today. Both exhibition and flower festival can also be viewed 12.30-5pm on Sunday and 10am-5pm on Monday. Admission is free each day but donations are welcomed.**

**Do join us tomorrow on this special Remembrance Sunday, the actual centenary of the signing of the Armistice, to commemorate all those who died in WWI and wars since then.**

**At 9.30am there will be short Acts of Remembrance at the war memorials in each village in the parish: Aysgarth (village green), Carperby-cum-Thoresby (Main Street, Carperby), Thoralby, Newbiggin and Bishopdale (Thoralby village hall), Thornton Rust (village institute) and Burton-cum-Walden (West Burton Chapel).**

**The Remembrance Sunday service at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, begins at 10.30am at the war memorial church gates on Church Bank before processing into church.**

**We welcome everyone to join us, residents and visitors, people of all faiths and none.**

Aysgarth Parish Church Council would like to acknowledge our gratitude for all the support, grants and sponsorship which have enabled us to host and organise this Festival of Remembrance and to involve all our local community. At the time of going to press our sponsors include:

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St Andrew's PCC would also like to thank the many groups and individuals throughout our community who have freely given their time and expertise to enable this Festival to take place. In addition to members of our own congregation (they know who they are!) these include:

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