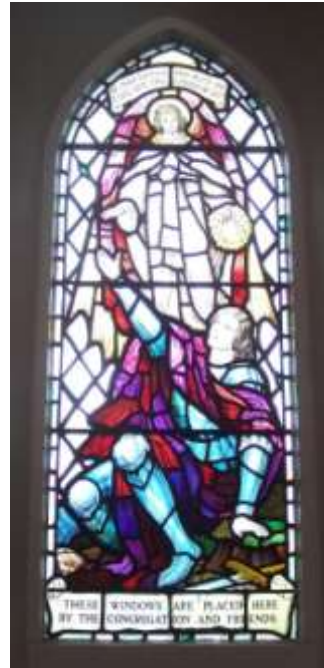


## Bo'ness Old Parish Church WAR MEMORIAL

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(SMR284)



The war memorial in this church takes the form of stained glass windows. Those for the First World War are in the east aisle:

- (1) A knight (St George) in plate armour with chain mail detailing holds an upright lance in his right hand and an elongated triangular shield bearing the cross of St George in his left. He has a blue cloak and yellow locks of hair protrude from under his helm. The lance rests on brown earth studded with plants. A purple-winged angle looks down from above with a ribbon bearing the words "PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD". The scroll at the foot reads "TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY/ OF THOSE CONNECTED WITH THIS CHURCH/ WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE WAR 1914-1919".
- (2) The knight of (3) is seen getting up off his back with his left hand pushing against the earth and his right raised for assistance. He is bathed in a bright light that has given a pale blue hue to the armour and greyed his hair. This light emanates from a pink-winged angel, who stand above him with a laurel wreath in its left hand and its right hand stretched towards that of the knight. Above the angel is a ribbon "BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND/ I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE". Below the knight his sword lies on the earth and a scroll reads "THESE WINDOWS ARE PLACE HERE/ BY THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS"

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Those for the Second World War are in the west aisle:

- (3) An airman dressed in thick boots, gloves, helmet, goggles, etc, stands in front of his aeroplane with a piece of paper in his left hand. Searchlight beams intersect the blue sky behind and stars dot the upper area. Above and surrounding his head is the winged logo of the RAF with a roundel bearing the Latin motto "PER AR DUA AD ATRA". At his feet are the words (carried over from (4)) "THEY/ WERE/ STRONGER/ THAN/ LIONS/ OF THE ROYAL/ AIR FORCE AND THE/ AIRMEN OF THIS/ PARISH & CONGREGATION".
- (4) St George stands with a pink-bladed sword in his right hand and an upright spear in his left. He is wearing plate armour and a white robe sporting Christian crosses. At his feet is an abject green dragon and to either side of his shoulders a white eagle, with prominent yellow beaks, swoops down. Above him is a heraldic lion. His feet rest on a roundel containing a flying plane caught in the beams of searchlights. An interlaced ribbon reads "THEY WERE/ SWIFTER THAN/ EAGLES" and continues "TO THE GLORY/ OF GOD AND/ A TRIBUTE TO/ THE VALOUR".



An oak cupboard/altar with sliding front doors stands against the east wall. The central door contains two rectangular brass plaques. Carved in the wood is "IN MEMORY OF THOSE/ MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS/ OF THIS CONGREGATION/ WHO GACE THEIR LIVES/ 1939/ 1945/ AD MAJORUM DEI GLORIUM". The plaques have the names:

GEORGE ALLAN  
HENRY M<sup>C</sup>E ANDERSON  
GEORGE BALLANTYNE  
JAMES BELL  
HUGH BERNARD  
JAMES M BRECHIN

THOMAS LAPSLEY  
GAVIN MARSHALL  
WILLIAM M'BETH  
JOHN M<sup>C</sup>GILLIVRAY  
THOMAS M'NEILL  
ARCHIBALD MEIKLE

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DAVID BURNETT  
JAMES DENHOLM  
JAMES FERGUSON  
ROBERT FORBES  
JAMES GRANT  
JOHN GRANT  
GEORGE GRAY  
WILLIAM HANNAH  
ROBERT HEGGIE  
JAMES HENDERSON  
PETER JAMES INNES  
ALEXANDER KENNEDY  
BARBARA KIRKWOOD  
JOHN LAPSLEY

JAMES G MURRAY  
WALTER NEWTON  
DANIEL NIMMO  
PETER M<sup>C</sup>L PARK  
PETER POW  
JOHN ROBERTSON  
WILLIAM M SCULLION  
JAMES SIMPSON  
MATTHEW STEWART  
WILLIAM G STEWART  
WILLIAM WALLACE  
DAVID WARDROPE  
JOHN WHITE

