Blyth Valley.

## WAR MEMORIALS SURVEY 1988/93

**Place :** Blyth NZ 3162 8156

**Ref No.** : (Office use only) WMSB42.17

**Location** : Blyth United Reformed Church, Waterloo Road (former Presbyterian Church)

**Date of survey** : 1989

**Description of monument** : Two stained glass windows each of a single light with leaded lights and a plaque between them. The windows each measure 7 feet high by 23 inches wide. Left hand window depicts an angel reading a book and is titled "The Angel of Peace", with the text "Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting" underneath. Right hand window is titled "Saint George" and depicts an armed man with the text "Make firm O Lord thy peace for which they died" underneath. The plaque measures 36 inches high by 14 inches wide, and has a border of twisted rope pattern, with a Celtic knot in each corner. The pattern and the lettering have been incised and painted black, the dedication in Roman capitals, whilst the names, listed in a single column, are in plain capitals.

**Materials used** : Brass plate.

**Which war** : 1914-1918

**Inscription** : The brass plaque bears :
The / adjoining window / erected by the / congregation / to the / honour of God / and in / grateful memory of / the men of / this church / who gave their lives / in the Great War / 1914-1918

**Names** : 24 names only. See transcript.

**Further Notes** :

Date of erection : Unveiled 3rd July 1921 by Mr. T.C. Heatley, County Councillor.

Who commissioned : Church congregation

Cost :

How money was raised :

Changed location : Yes

Present condition :

Whether listed :

Sculptor or artist : Messrs. Atkinson Bros of New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Designer :

Ownership and maintenance :

**Newspaper cuttings, photos or archival material** :
*On general photographs file* : modern photograph (J. Tait)
*Shields Daily News* 2/7/1921 has brief notice of unveiling.
*Northumberland Record Office* : "Blyth United Reformed Presbyterianism in Blyth over the past 200 years" by W.A. Thompson, BSc. (Ref P.280);
*Morpeth Herald* 11/3/1921 reports proposed unveiling; 8/7/1921 reports unveiling.
*Alnwick & County Gazette* 9/7/1921 reports unveiling.

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