FAIRBURN.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF St JAMES (ANGLICAN).

COUNTY - NORTH YORKSHIRE
DISTRICT - SELBY
VILLAGE - FAIRBURN.
LOCATION - 3 MILES N.E OF CASTLEFORD. THE MEMORIAL IS IN THE CHURCHYARD (IN SILVER STREET).
N.G.R. - SE 473277 SHEET 105.
ACCESS - ANY TIME VISITED. 1·3·00.

DESCRIPTION

PORTLAND STONE OBELISK, 12' HIGH ON STEPPED BASE. BOTTOM BASE IN CONCRETE. NAMES ON CENTRE BLOCK.

FRONT FACE (FACING WEST)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING MEN FROM THIS
PARISH WHO FELL IN THE
GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

F. PARKER
H. BARNES
J.H. BENNETT
F. BRAMLEY
J. LUNT
A. MACHIN
W. POWELL
C. STEWART
G. STRETTON
R TURNPENNY.

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

L.H. FACE:

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WAR 1939 - 1945.

C.D. BARKER.
J.G. KELSEY
F.W. REYNOLDS
A. RIGBY
W. TOWNEND
W.B. WALKER
F. WILKINSON
G WOOLLEY

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CLEAR GLASS LENSES, SWINGS THROUGH THE DESIGN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, AND HALFWAY DOWN THE LEFT HAND LIGHT GRADUALLY TRANSFORMS INTO A SWEEP OF POPPIES WHICH FILLS THE BASE AREA OF BOTH LIGHTS.

THE LOWER PART OF THE LEFT HAND LIGHT CONSISTS OF THREE PANELS OF TEXT, WHITE LETTERING ETCHED FROM BLUE GLASS, TAKEN FROM PSALM 139,

"YEA, THE DARKNESS IS NO DARKNESS WITH THEE
BUT THE NIGHT IS AS CLEAR AS THE DAY
THE DARKNESS AND LIGHT TO THEE ARE BOTH ALIKE"

THE LOWER PART OF THE RIGHT HAND LIGHT CONTAINS THE SQUADRON BADGE, AND BELOW IT A SIMPLE DEDICATION TO THE MEMORY ON No 77 SQUADRON.

IN THE TRACERY IS DEPICTED THE CHI-RHO, THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF CHRIST'S NAME IN GREEK.

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ANN SOTHERAN STAINED GLASS

Holy Trinity, Elvington

No 77 Squadron memorial window

The design retains the distinctive glazing pattern used in the church, a geometric design of pale tinted antique glass, but the central area will be made of a range of yellows and ambers to depict a large golden cross spanning both lights of the window.

A swirling line of stars, represented by clear glass lenses, swings through the design from top to bottom, and halfway down the left-hand light gradually transforms into a sweep of poppies which fills the base area of both lights.

The lower part of the left-hand light consists of three panels of text, white lettering etched from blue glass, taken from Psalm 139,
" Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee "
" But the night is as clear as the day "
" The darkness and light to thee are both alike ".

The lower part of the right hand light contains the squadron badge, and below it a simple dedication to the memory of No 77 Squadron.

In the tracery is depicted the Chi-rho, the first two letters of Christs' name in Greek.

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Window throws light on heroism

Matthew Catling

A BEAUTIFUL new stained glass window will be a permanent memorial to the sacrifices made by 77 Squadron during the Second World War.

The window, installed yesterday at Holy Trinity Church, Elvington, near York, shows a string of red poppies beneath a gold cross.

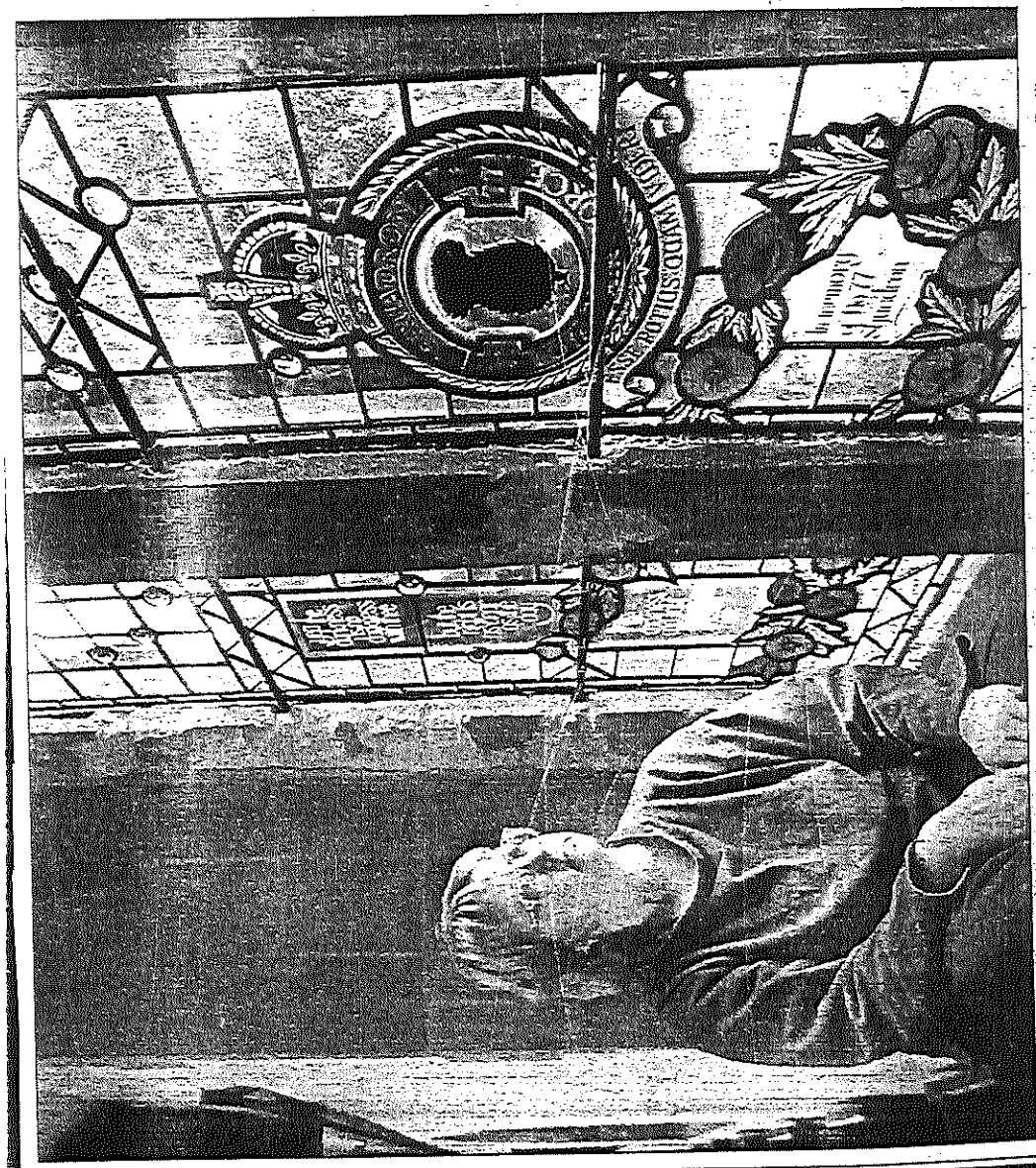
It is peppered with a scatter of transparent stars representing the 900 airmen who died.

A quotation from Psalm 139 is included, chosen because the squadron flew mainly at night: "Ye, the darkness is no darkness with Thee. But the night is as clear as the day.

"The darkness and the light are to Thee both alike."

The squadron flew from Elvington airfield between 1942 and 1944, and was disbanded in 1963.

During the war it had six bases in Yorkshire.



In memoriam: Artist Ann Sotheran beside her tribute to Second World War airmen. Picture: Bruce Rollinson.

FAIRBURN WAR MEMORIAL

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In the Church grounds of Fairburn St James Church

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING MEN FROM THIS PARISH WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914- 1918

1914-1918

BARKER	**Frank**	Private 16977 15th Bn Hampshire Reg Died on 7th June 1917 age 24 Remembered at Ypres (Menin Gate). Son of Charles Henry & Grace Barker of Lumby Lane Fairburn
BARNES	**H**	No further information currently
BENNETT	**John Henry**	Private 241275 5th Bn Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Died 20th July 1918 age 31 Remembered at Soissons Memorial Aisne France Husband of Emily Bennett of 5 New Row Fairburn
BRAMLEY	**Fredrick**	Private 33098 1st/4th Bn York & Lancaster Reg Died on 23 April 1918 age 33 Remembered at Lille Southern Cemetery Husband of Susannah Bramley of High Field Pontefract Rd Knottingley. Son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Bramley of Cross Farm Fairburn
LUNT	**John**	Private 12/675 12th Bn Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Died on 12 June 1918 age 28 Remembered at Niederzwhere Cemetery Germany Son of Mathew Lunt of 10 New Row Fairburn
MACHIN	**Albert Edward**	Possibly Private 2027331st/4th Bn Duke of Wellingtons (West Riding Reg) Died on 29th April 1918 Remembered at La Clytte Military Cemetery Belgium. Son of Eleanor Machin of Sheffield
POWELL	**W**	No further information currently
STEWART	**Charles Kirkby**	Possibly Private 5742 4th Bn Duke of Wellingtons (West Riding Reg) Died on 12 July 1916 Remembered at Puchevillers British Cemetery Somme France Son of John & Mary Ann Stewart of South Milford
STRETTON	**George**	Private 17/701 17th Bn West Yorkshire Reg (Prince of Wales Own) Died on 25 July 1916 age 33 Remembered at Thiepval Memorial Somme France Husband of Mary Elizabeth Stretton of Chapel Yard Fairburn

TURNPENNY	**Robert Henry**	Sergeant 10378 10th Bn York & Lancaster Reg Died on 28 April 1917 age 23 Remembered at Arras Memorial Pas de Calais France

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1939-1945

BARKER	**Charles Dennis**	Sergeant 1514792 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve died age 22 on 7th July 1942 Son of Charles William and Rachel Barker of Fairburn. Buried in Fairburn (St James) Churchyard
KELSEY		No further information currently
REYNOLDS		No further information currently
RIGBY	**Arthur William**	Private 13106205 Pioneer Corps who died aged 40 on 20th November 1943. Husband of Ann Rigby of Fairburn. Buried in Fairburn (St James) Churchyard
TOWNEND	**Wilfred**	Gunner 1676741, 323 Battery, Royal Artillery. Died 22nd April 1945. Son of Salathiel & Emma Townend of Castleford. Buried Argenta Gap War Cemetary, Italy. Plot 11. Row F. Grave 17.
WALKER	**William Basil**	Sergeant 1622988, 55 Sqd, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on 2nd September 1944 son of Joseph and Emmiline Walker of Fairburn. Remembered at Malta War Memorial
WILKINSON		No further information currently
WOOLEY	**George**	Aircraftsman 1st class 999793 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on 7th April 1947. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wooley of Fairburn. Husband of Polly Wooley Buried at Fairburn (St James) Churchyard

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