



## **FRIENDS OF HIGH ROYDS MEMORIAL GARDEN**

### **NEWSLETTER 13 - Autumn 2018**

#### **Hello again:**

We are pleased that the Revd. Andrew Howorth who conducted the Remembrance Service in September has agreed to be our Chaplain.



Andrew is an Associate Priest of St. John the Divine, Menston. He is a former Chaplain to the Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and has over 25 years' experience in dealing with mental health issues. As head of patient experience he was responsible for the raising of awareness and anti-stigma campaigns

along with his enabling of people to speak about their own personal experiences he said "even today people are still having to experience the cruel stigma of mental distress which frequently makes recovery all the harder - the Memorial Chapel stands as a proud reminder of all the untold stories".

#### **1918-2018 Remembrance Service November 3rd**

Currently, together with Friends of High Royds Memorial Chapel & Garden, he is preparing a special service to commemorate the 14 staff members of the former West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum (which later became known as High Royds Hospital) who gave their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918 and the second World War in 1939-1945. The service will be held in the Memorial Chapel on Buckle Lane at 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The time and date have been chosen, so as to not clash with other local and national services.



A special Illuminated Memorial Tribute has been commissioned. It will be dedicated by the Revd. Howorth at the service which will include moving tributes and a chance in our sometimes busy lives to reflect on all that we owe to those who gave their lives. All are welcome to attend the short but moving service. Any relatives of the 14 staff members listed here will be particularly welcome.

**1914- 1918** - J. W. Ackroyd, A.L. Appleby, J. Currie, L. Holmes, W. Marshall, J.T. Mitchell, M. Nangle, W. Powell, F. Rastrick, E. Smith. H. Towell.

1939-1945 – L.W.F.Dale, H. Mounsey, W. Murrell.



If anyone would care to arrange a small floral display for the altar it would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Ron Sweeney.

***“They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old ... age shall not weary nor the years condemn .... We will remember them”.***

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Whilst we should always remember we also need to be looking to see how we can help others. Thanks to the many willing volunteers the Garden has now been converted from a neglected site and ruined building into an Oasis of Peace. This last year has seen many people benefitting from it especially as the surrounding area becomes more and more developed.



As announced earlier following the Duke of York Community Initiative Award we are now hoping to introduce a Sensory Garden on part of the three acre site. We are still awaiting news as to whether our application for a grant has been successful but in the meantime have drawn up plans and costed out the project. We will keep you informed as to progress.

### Thank you for all your support

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