
Stained Glass Window at Hawthorn West Presbyterian Church



Hawthorn West First World War Memorial window William Montgomery 1921



Hawthorn West Uniting Church memorial inscription, William Montgomery 1921

Location

Power Street, Hawthorn West, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant

Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Unknown,

Hermes Number

196639

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

Argus, 19 October 1921, p.14; Montgomery letterbooks, National Gallery of Australia Research Collection, Canberra ACT; Montgomery ledger, William Montgomery Collection, State Library of Victoria.

Memorial Window Subject

Sacrifice and Reward

Memorial Window Text

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life. Rev. 2:10

Memorial Window Inscription

In memory of those who for God & Country gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918

Memorial Window Description & History

The foundation stone of the Hawthorn West Presbyterian Church in Power Street was laid by James Dyer Esq., on 9 July 1910. The building was designed by HW and FB Tompkins and constructed by J Bennell & Son. The original elegant lead light windows, set with emblems, were possibly the work of EL Yencken & Co., although the Tompkins Brothers often ordered stained glass from Brooks, Robinson & Co.

The commissioning of a window to honour the church members who died in the First World War was entrusted to William Montgomery, Melbourne's leading stained glass artist. He quoted a price of 100 guineas in a letter to Charles A King Esq. on 10 December 1920, which was apparently accepted, and the window completed, as an account for 115 pounds 10 shillings was duly paid in November the following year. It had been unveiled on 23 October 1921. Returned servicemen were especially welcomed to the service.

Twenty-three men from the congregation died during the First World War, and two Rolls of Honour, with their names and those of all who served, can be seen on the side walls of the main entrance.

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