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# Stained Glass Window at Corio Geelong Grammar School All Saints' Anglican Chapel



Corio Geelong Grammar School Chapel\_ Michael and Uriel



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## Location

Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Heritage Study/Consultant

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

Architect/Designer

Waller, Mervyn Napier,

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196767

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: A705, 163/31/47; NAA: A705, 163/110/43; James Affleck, Geelong Grammarians at World War Two, The Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated, Corio, 2002, pp. 21-24; The Corian, May 1942; December 1942; December 1944.

## Memorial Window Subject

LH Uriel RH Michael

## Memorial Window Text

LH Dream of Heaven

RH Triumph over Evil

## Memorial Window Inscription

LH In memory of Ldg. Aircraftsman Leigh Brereton Sadleir Falkiner RAF born 1921 killed on service Feb. 1942  
RH AMDG In memory of Flt. Lieut. John Alexander Falkiner RAAF (Eng.) born 1918 killed on service Sept. 1942

## Memorial Window Description & History

Many of the Second World War commemorative windows in All Saints' Chapel were the work of Mervyn Napier Waller (1893-1972), although in some instances, such as this more ethereal and fanciful design of the Archangels *Uriel* and *Michael*, may have been a collaboration between Waller and his wife, Christian Waller. *Uriel* is not often depicted in art in any medium (with notable exceptions, such as Leonardo's Virgin of the Rocks) and appears here as the angel that watches over thunder and terror (or hell) as well as the angel of repentance. (A small window of *Uriel* by Christian Waller at St. James' Anglican Church, Ivanhoe.) *St. Michael* was shown in victory over Satan. The cartoon of *St. Michael* is held in the Victorian Heritage Collection. The window in memory of the two Falkiner cousins was the gift of their fathers; it was unveiled by Air Vice-Marshal A.T. Cole CBE DSO MC DFC and dedicated by School Chaplain, the Reverend J.H. Allen. Their fathers, and three other brothers, were principal donors of the Chapel of All Saints', which they dedicated to the memory of their mother.

After completing his secondary schooling Leigh Falkiner studied law at Trinity College, the University of Melbourne. He joined the RAAF reserve and passed his training before qualifying as a Night Fighter Pilot with the RAF. His Oxford aircraft struck high tension wires when flying low in poor weather on 12 February 1942; he was to get his 'wings' only three days later. He was buried in Kidlington Burial Ground, Oxfordshire.

Flight Lieutenant John Alexander Falkiner, RAAF, only son of Otway Rothwell (1874-1961) and Una Caroline Falkiner, was a pupil at Geelong G.S. before studying History at Trinity College. He joined 460 Squadron as a pilot and flew Wellingtons in many raids over Europe. He was on a conversion training course in a Halifax bomber when it crashed in Yorkshire on 22 September 1942. All four crew were killed and Flight Lieutenant Falkiner was buried in Wootton St Lawrence churchyard, Hampshire, England

Both men were remembered on the 1939-1945 Roll of Honour in Trinity Chapel.

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