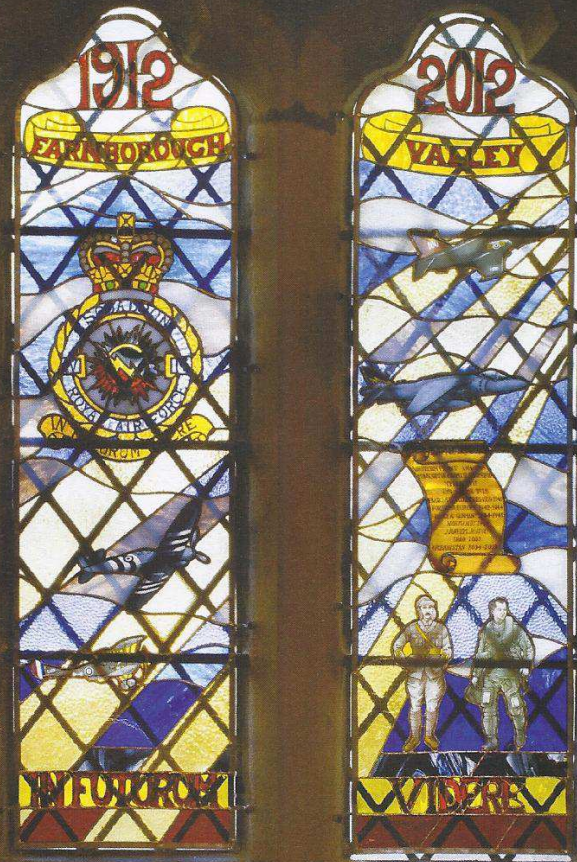


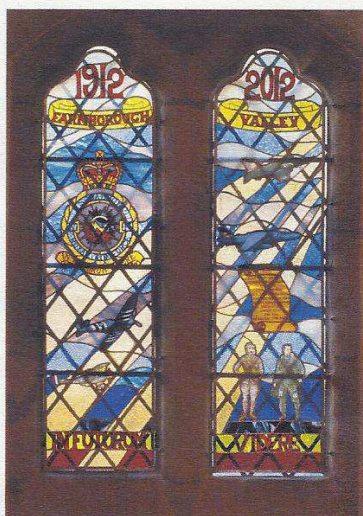
**IV(R) SQUADRON
STAINED GLASS WINDOW**



**ST MIHANGEL'S CHURCH
ROYAL AIR FORCE VALLEY
SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**A DEDICATION OF THE
IV(R) SQUADRON
STAINED GLASS WINDOW**



TO BE DEDICATED BY:

**REVEREND (SQUADRON LEADER)
STEWART SHAW BA RAF**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

(During which the Standard will be received)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers, in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

WELCOME

Chaplain: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Chaplain: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

PRAYER

Chaplain: Maker of all, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: May we discern your hand in all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and forever.

All: **Amen**

THE HISTORY OF IV(R) SQN

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

HIGH FLIGHT by John Gilestie Magee Jr

POEM

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untresspassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

READING (Isaiah 40: 25-31)

To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal? say the Holy One.
Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and complain, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no-one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

ADDRESS - (Sqn Ldr) Stewart Shaw

THE DEDICATION

It is our privilege to gather here today for the dedication of this stained glass window. Throughout Christian history the translucent qualities of glass have been used to symbolize the light of God shining on and through our greatest endeavours. Through this new window we pray that the same light will focus our vision, now and in the future, on our thanksgiving and remembrance of the efforts, dedication and courage of staff and students; in imparting and maintaining flying standards within the Royal Air Force. These standards are symbolized by the blessing presentation, and wearing of the pilot wings, depicted in this window.

May God give strength and courage to those who follow in the path of this tradition, that they may remain vigilant and 'rise up on wings as eagles'.

Please stand for Prayer

Almighty God, through your goodness we receive our gifts. Help us now to give thanks for the exercise of those gifts in the work and service of IV(R) Squadron. May those who commissioned and created this window see the light of your presence shine through the spirit of service of those we are to follow.

In the faith of Christ and for the benefit of all who worship in this place, we dedicate this window to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and work of IV(R) Squadron. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty Father, your majesty fills both the heavens and the earth. Accept we humbly pray, the window which we have dedicated to enrich this place of worship and in honour of Him who is the Light of the world. Grant Father, that those who worship here, being drawn by your Holy Spirit, may grow ever closer to you, the one true God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMN

To God be the glory!
great things He hath done;
so loved He the world
that He gave us His Son;
who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear His voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory;
great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes;
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear His voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory;
great things He hath done!*

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear His voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory;
great things He hath done!*

PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Chaplain: Almighty God who has promised that they who wait on you shall renew their strength, and mount up with wings as eagles, we commend to your Fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal Air Force; uplift and support them in their high endeavour, that they may be a safeguard to our Country. Help them fulfil their several duties with honour, quietness and integrity, and grant that they prove to be worthy successors of those who by their valour and sacrifice, have nobly served their day and generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and
the glory,
for ever and ever.

BLESSING

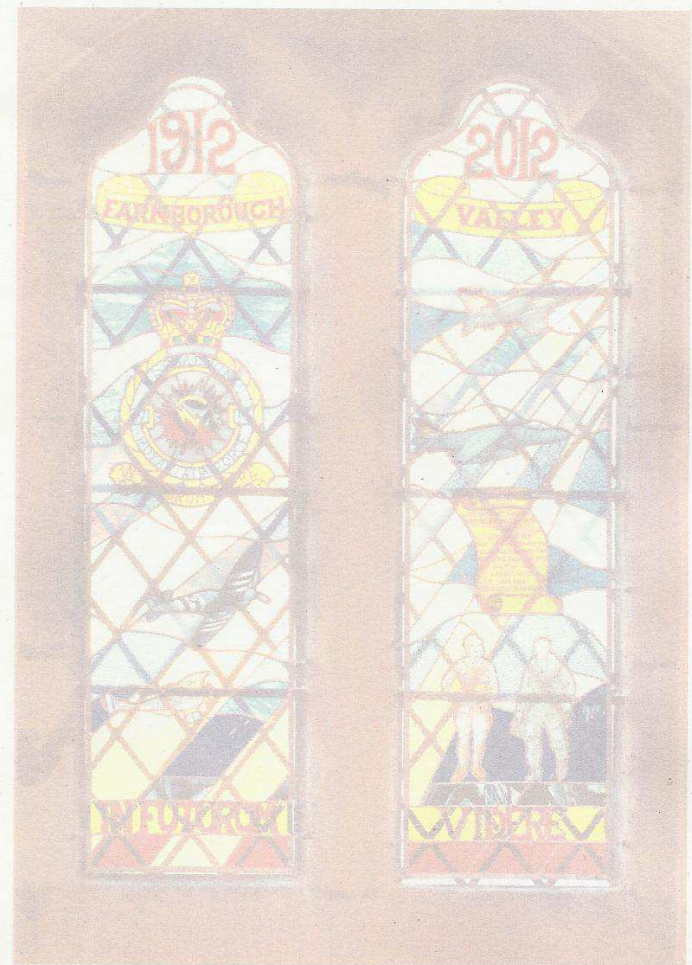
Chaplain: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign;
may she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.





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