

COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF

Albert Mayne

Private, Coldstream Guards



Who died of wounds on 9th August 1917
in hospital in France at age of 21



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Welcome to this Act of Commemoration.

Dawlish Town Council and Churches Together in Dawlish and District are commemorating the death in the service of the nation of every Dawlish person who was killed as a result of enemy action during the First World War.

Today we remember the death of Albert Mayne who volunteered for action but died in hospital of wounds on 9th August 1917.

After the First World War, it was decided in Dawlish that a single town War Memorial would be erected close to the parish church, and no church would have its own War Memorial. In keeping with this decision, these Acts of Commemoration take place in the town centre churches without regard to the denomination of the person they commemorate and they are led by a minister or pastor of the host church. The same Order of Service is used at each service. When we remember men listed on the War Memorials in St. Mary's Cofton or St. George's Holcombe, the service is held in the appropriate village church.

There will be opportunity to talk to the leader of the service afterwards when light refreshments will be served. You are invited to take a reproduction of St John's Gospel which was given to every service person during the First World War.

Please join in the words which are in **heavy type**.

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction

We have gathered today as part of our commemoration of those Dawlish people who were caught up in the courageous but tragic events of the First World War.

We remember those who were killed in action,
those who were maimed and those whose minds were disfigured
by conflict.
the bereaved and the lost and those who lived in darkness,
the families which were shattered,
and all who held in silence the unspeakable memories of warfare.

In particular today on the 100th anniversary of his death we remember
Albert Mayne who died in hospital at Le Treport, France, from
wounds sustained in action while in the service of his country.

Prayer

Almighty God, the Lord of all,
today we pause to remember with gratitude
the life and death of Albert Mayne
knowing that he was, is and always will be
known and loved by you.

We thank you for his willingness to fight for our country
even if necessary to the point of death.

And today we remember his family and friends
who grieved at his death
and whose lives were never the same.

Amen.

We hear about the life and death of Albert Mayne

Reading Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

please stand

A prayer of Commemoration

We remember before God Albert Mayne

Lord, have mercy

Today we commit Albert Mayne to the love of God

We give thanks for his life, and grieve at his death

May he rest in peace

and rise In glory.

He shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

age shall not weary him, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

we will remember him.

We will remember him.

A candle may be lit or a bouquet may be placed before the pieta.

A time of silence

We remain standing

The Commitment to all those who died in the service of the nation.

Lord God, Father of all,
in thankfulness for Albert Mayne
and in his memory
we pledge ourselves
to bring comfort to the sad, the lonely and the distressed;
to bring relief to all who are in need
and to serve you and to work for peace.
Keep us ever mindful of the struggles
and achievements of former generations
and so make us grateful
now and in the days to come.
Amen

O Lord, our maker and our strength,
from whose love in Christ we can never be parted
either by death or life:
Look in mercy on those for whom we pray this day,
and grant us your protection and peace,
that we may be saved in body and soul,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

As we ask for deliverance from the forces of destruction and for peace in our time and In our lives we pray together:

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
AMEN.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all the world
peace and concord:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Albert Mayne

Born Dawlish, 16 June 1896
Private 18321

Died France, 9 August 1917, aged 21
Coldstream Guards, 1st Battalion

Albert Mayne was the grandson of James Mayne (1822-1891) and Sarah Brook (1818-1895). They had married in 1847 in Newton Abbot district.

James was a farm labourer, born in Dawlish, and Sarah was a laundress and they lived in 3 Church Cottages, Dawlish. Their children were George, John, Mary Ann, James, and Henry (1856-1919) all born in Dawlish.

Henry Mayne married Sarah Ann Cox (1855-1916) in 1875. Henry was also an agricultural labourer and his wife a laundress.

They had nine children between 1876 and 1896, who were Jessie, Henry Charles, William J, Emily J, Ernest J, Alice Mary, Alfred Samuel, Frederick T and **Albert**.

By 1911 Henry and Sarah Ann were living at 11 Old Town Street with two children, Fred, 18, a labourer for the railway company, and **Albert**, 14, an errand boy for a draper. The Census record also shows that eight of the nine children survived to that date, Alfred Samuel having died in 1906 at age 16.

Albert married Alice Edith Hills in the July-Sept quarter of 1915 when he was 19 and they had one child, Derrick Mayne who was born on 15 July 1916.

Of **Albert's** military record, there is little to tell us when he enlisted. He may have been one of those conscripted by the legislation introduced in March 1916.

It seems likely that **Albert** would have trained on Salisbury Plain. He had joined the Coldstream Guards, 1st Battalion.

He appears, from the report in the Dawlish Gazette, to have been “very seriously wounded in the legs and stomach” sometime during the week of 23-28 July, ahead of the opening of the Third Battle of Ypres. It is quite possible that he was a member of a forward patrol sent out to gather intelligence of enemy positions ahead of the start of the battle.

Wounded men were brought back to Casualty Clearing Stations for immediate treatment. Survivors would be taken by ambulance to hospital for longer term recovery.

Albert was taken to hospital in Le Treport which lies on the Channel coast about 25 km from Dieppe.

During the First World War, Le Treport was an important hospital centre and by July 1916, the town contained three general hospitals (the 3rd, 16th and 2nd Canadian), No.3 Convalescent Depot and Lady Murray's B.R.C.S. Hospital. The 7th Canadian, 47th and 16th USA General Hospitals arrived later, but all of the hospitals had closed by March 1919.

Albert died at Le Treport on 9th August 1917.

As the original military cemetery at Le Treport filled, it became necessary to use the new site at Mont Huon where **Albert Mayne** is buried.

The Medal Roll shows that he was entitled to the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The Register of Soldiers' Effects shows that the Death Grant and War Gratuity were paid to his widow **Alice E Mayne**.

Albert Mayne is recorded on the Devon Roll of Honour with the Christian name “Bert” and without date or location of death. He is also listed on the Dawlish Boys' School Roll of Honour. **Alice Edith Mayne** later moved to Stevenage, Hertfordshire, perhaps to live with her son **Derrick**. She is elsewhere shown to have died in Letchworth on 28 August 1967.