

Memorials



The commemorative tablets inside the church reflect the history of the parish over many centuries and provide a glimpse back in time to tell the story of the Rectors and those who worshipped at Saint Bartholomew's. Since the rededication of the church in 1993, the Chancel walls are adorned with memorials to those Fleet Air Arm personnel who have died in the service of their country, several of whom have no known grave.

There are plaques honouring the men of Royal Naval Air Station Howden (WWI), 845 and 847 Naval Air Squadrons (1950s & 2006) as well as the Falklands Campaign (1982).

Others remember individuals such as Aircraft Artificer Peter Garden who fell into crevasse whilst on a Royal Navy Expedition to East Greenland in 1966 or Lieutenant Ernest Masee killed on 4 June 1956 when Sea Venom, Serial Number WW 262, stalled during deck landing trials on HMS BULWARK and crashed into the Mediterranean Sea off Malta.

Set into the floor at the rear of the Nave is a large Yorkshire stone in memory of the 'Palembang Nine'. These men of the Royal Navy British Pacific Fleet were either pilots or crew members of aircraft from HMS VICTORIOUS, HMS ILLUSTRIOUS or HMS INDOMITABLE. Claims emerged that the airmen had survived the bombing raid on the Palembang oil refineries in Sumatra and were held captive by the Japanese for nearly six months before being executed on a Singapore beach at the end of WWII.