

# EYNSFORD WAR MEMORIALS

## THE UNVEILING OF EYNSFORD WAR MEMORIAL

**15 July 1920:** At 7 o'clock Eynsford Brass Band played 'Jerusalem my happy home' to begin the service.



Eynsford Band outside Crockenhill Church, postmarked 1913. 2nd from l. Fred Wickenden, with bowler hat behind Dandy Baldwin, the band master

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Both Baptist minister Revd. John Felmingham and Eynsford Vicar Rev. T.F.J. Mummery led the service.

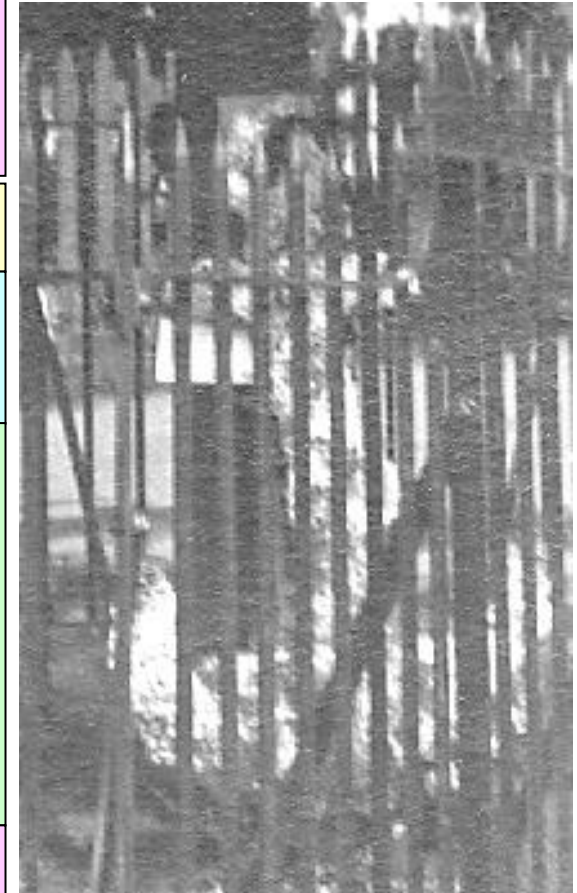
In an impressive ceremony, Sir William Hart Dyke unveiled the War Memorial.

Wreaths and crosses were laid.

A laurel wreath hung from the cross itself. (see left)

6 girls in white from Eynsford Paper Mill bore a huge anchor of everlasting flowers 'From their comrades at the Eynsford Paper Mills' which was laid within the railings. (see right)

'Fight the good fight' sung, ceremony ended with national anthem and last post.



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11 November 1924

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Aberdeen granite Celtic cross on a base, with 22 names of the fallen on plinth.

Placed at the bottom of Bower Lane, where the German gun, a war trophy, had stood for some time.

It was surrounded by kerb and railings, and the area turfed.

1920 – Eynsford War Memorial shortly after unveiling, showing laurel wreath hanging from cross and anchor tribute from Eynsford Paper Mill standing against tree towards the back





## THE LYCH GATE, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, EYNSFORD

Architect: H. Battiscombe of Orpington

Builder: A. Knowles of Farningham

It cost £206 15s

The original stone memorial read:  
This lych gate / is built in memory  
of/ Elliott Downs Till / 1835-1917/  
Resident and benefactor/ of this  
village/ founder of Arbor Day.

1961: The lych gate was rebuilt  
further back to create pavement in  
front of churchyard.

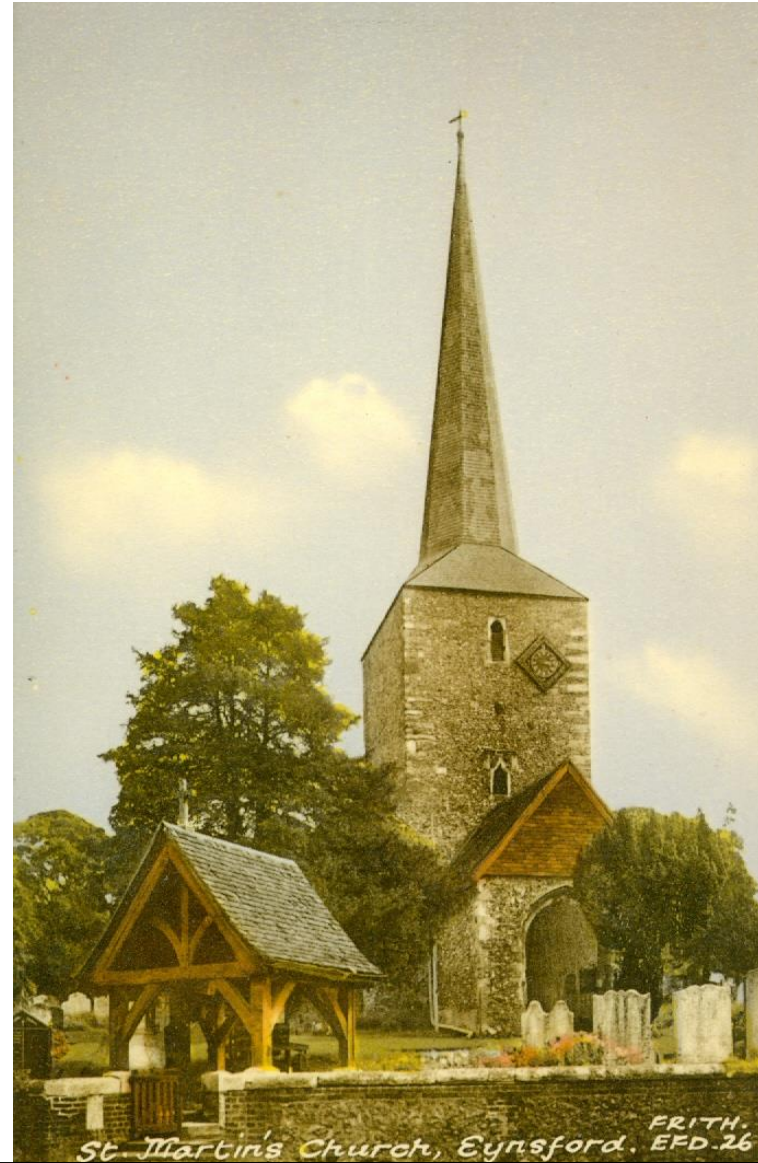
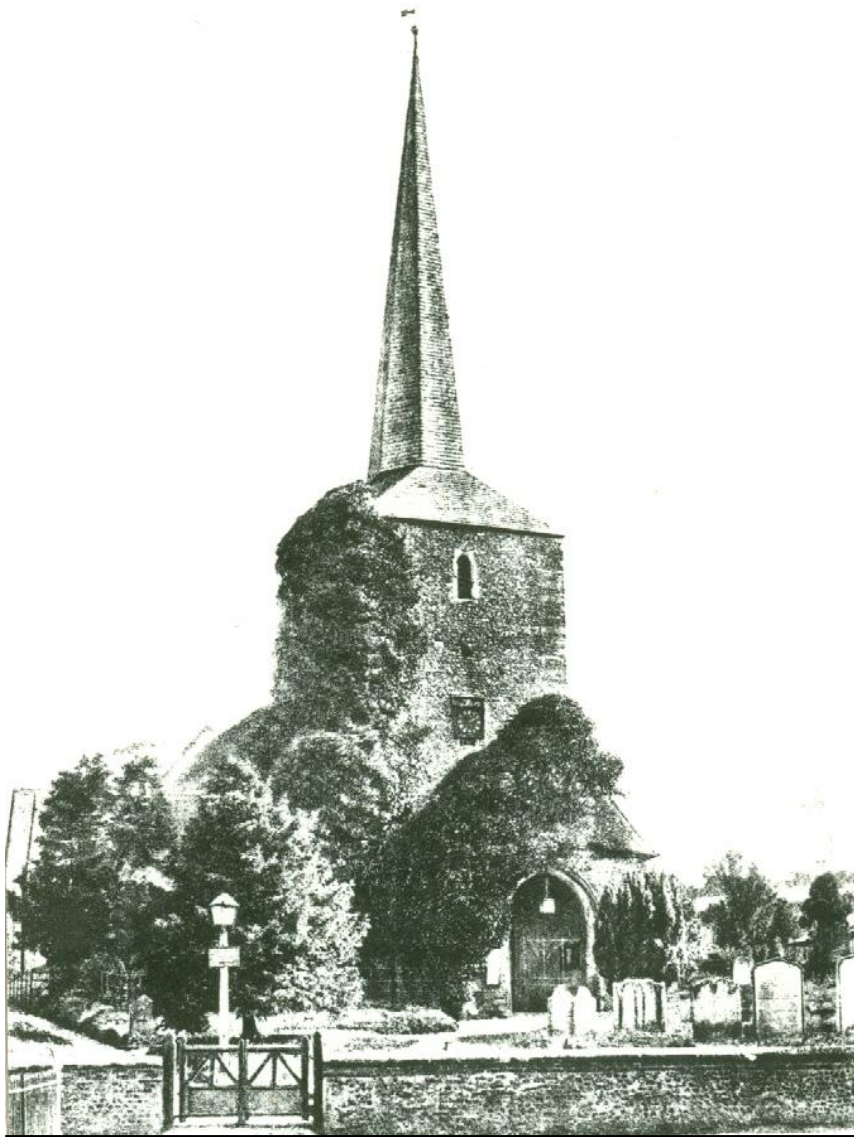
1998: The worn memorial stone  
was replaced with the present one  
– but 'friend' replaced 'resident'.

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Lych gate being moved back to make way for pavement, 1961

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St. Martin's Church, pre-clock replacement in 1903, post 1920 lych gate



# EYNSFORD BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL

Unveiled Friday 16 July 1920

The memorial tablet in white with black marble border is fixed on the wall of the vestibule inside Eynsford Baptist Church.

The names include members of the congregation and former pupils of Eynsford British School (for Non-Conformists), who served in the armed forces, as well as those who were killed.

Unlike other memorials, those commemorated include men from outside the village of Eynsford.

