



Holy Trinity Claygate - Historical graves

As well as all those listed on the First World War Memorial on Church Road and on the Second World War Plaque in the church there are two WW1 and four WW2 graves in the churchyard and the recipient of the Victoria Cross

World War 1

Private George Bertie Stickland Royal Army Medical Corp of the 102nd Field Ambulance. Died 30 October 1916, aged 38 (plot 47A)

Lt. Col. RAEH Kearns, Asst. Controller of Salvage, Royal Army Service Corps. Died 24 November 1918 (42F)

World War 2

Charles Thomas Archer of the KV SS Zeeland, Netherlands Merchant Navy. Died 7 April 1941, aged 22 (plot 15G)

Flight Sergeant John Blenkin Raffels of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron. Died 10 August 1941, aged 25. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. Son of William and Annie Raffels; husband of Helen Raffles of Claygate. Helen died aged 96 in 2008 and her ashes have been interred in her husband's grave (L60)

Flight Sergeant Noel Victor Prior of the RAF Volunteer Reserve. Died 5 March 1944, aged 20. Son of Edwin George and Sybil Kathleen Prior of Claygate (plot 3H)

Flying Officer John Barry Welton of the RAF. Died 7 April 1943, aged 26, crashed in Lake District flying a Bristol Blenheim Mark IV (plot 6J)

Victoria Cross recipient

Captain Douglas Walter Belcher VC of the London Regiment and the Gurkha Rifles (1889 – 1953)

He was awarded the Victoria Cross (which is displayed at the Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum in Winchester) for heroism in action with the London Rifle Brigade during the 2nd Battle of Ypres in April 1915 when he was 25 years of age. He was presented with the medal by King George V in July 1915. He briefly re-enlisted in WW2.

The plan below shows where these graves are located within the churchyard

