

**Dedication of the First World War Book of Remembrance  
at St Matthew's Church, Grandpont**

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“Mindful of the sufferings endured, and the sacrifices made, by the men of this parish who gave their lives in the service of their King and country in the First World War, we today dedicate this Book of Remembrance in their honour. May all who read this book be humbled by its record of human fragility, tragedy and loss; inspired by its evidence of human endurance, courage and heroism; encouraged to use well the freedoms gained through the sacrifice of which it tells; and strengthened in commitment to the forging of that mutual understanding and peace between people and nations which would be its fitting legacy.”