

East Garston Remembers 2015

On Saturday 7th November, East Garston was scheduled to hold its Remembrance Service at the village war memorial. However, since the rain was still heavy at the start time, it was decided to hold the service in All Saints Church where there is also a plaque commemorating those villagers who gave their lives for their country in both World Wars.



The service was conducted by the Revd Martin Cawte and Andrew James (Lance Corporal, Artists Rifles) read the lesson. Laurence Binyon's lines were spoken by Marcus Coombs (Colonel, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) and the Kohima Epitaph was spoken by Thomas Chapman (formerly Captain, The Queen's Royal Hussars).



The Wantage Youth Brass, conducted by Sara Jane Humphrey, coped admirably with the change of venue and played expertly.

The Last Post and Reveille were played by 16 year old Deanna Stamp.



Wreaths were laid below the tablet by Col Marcus Coombs on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Dr Bob Briant on behalf of All Saints Church and by Jonathan Rabbitts on behalf of East Garston Parish Council.

At the end of the service, the rain having eased by then, the band marched from the church to the war memorial to the march "Slaidburn" by William Rimmer. The band was followed by the Vicar, the wreath bearers and over 40 villagers.

