

## MEMORIALS IN COLERNE PARISH CHURCH

- CMA001      Sacred to the memory of the Reverend Nathaniel **ALSOP- BLISS** M.A. late Vicar of this Parish who died March 12th 1796 aged 49 years  
Also Mary his wife who died Feb. 21st 1795 aged 55 years and of Mary, Ann, Catherine and Ann daughters of the above who all died in their infancy
- CMA002      In the memory of Sarah daughter of Richard and Rachel **AUST** who died March 8th 1771 aged 33 years  
*Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman feareth the Lord she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31 v 30 and 31*
- CMA003      [Picture above font]  
Daniel Gordon **ATWICK**. In memory of his Baptism, Easter Day 1947
- CMB001      Mary **BARTRUM**, late of Bath, widow, returned to this home of her fathers Nov. 10th 1831 aged 81  
*The memory of the just is blessed. Sleep saintly mother! Rest a while this hallow'd turf below! In peace, till that bright morning smile, forget thy wait of woe! I sleep not, sons! Angelic choirs the rapturous welcome give; I see Him, who my soul admires! I hear His voice! I live!*  
Benjamin Thomas **BARTRUM** age 63, second son on the above named Mary and Thomas **BARTRUM** died Feb. 3rd 1846  
*Universally respected and by a numerous family beloved and lamented*  
Sarah, relict of the above Benjamin Thomas **BARTRUM** died Jan. 5th 1862 age 67  
Joseph Plura **BARTRUM** eldest son of the above Mary and Thomas **BARTRUM** died September 19th 1860 age 80
- CMB002      Underneath lieth interred the body of Mrs Mary **BERKELEY** spinster daughter of Rich: **BERKELEY** Esq. of Stoke Gifford in the County of Gloucestershire who died the 13th day of January 1727 the seventieth year of her age
- CMB003      In the memory of Elizabeth daughter of John and Elizabeth **BROWNING** who died August 25th 1771 age 24  
In memory of Elizabeth **BROWNING**, also John **BROWNING** her husband, daughter of Thomas and Eliza **SALMON** who died March 26th 1793 aged 68 years
- CMB004      [Hymn board over lectern]  
In loving memory of Thomas and Sarah **BENCE**, both of this parish

- CMD001 Near this place lieth body of Susanna wife of Peter **DREWITT** of this Parish clothier and daughter of Thomas and Eliz: **SALMON** who died Dec. 26th 1758 aged 26 years
- CMD002 Near this place lies interred the body of Jane wife of Mr George **DREWITT** and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth **SALMON** who died March 12th 1769 aged 39
- CMD003 Samuel **DREWITT** clothier died May 20th 1791 aged 46
- CME001 Near this place lieth the body of Walter **EDWARDS** of the More of the Parish of Corsham Yeoman who departed this life the 28th day of January 1735 aged 66 years  
Also near this place lieth the body of Elizabeth the wife of Walter **EDWARDS** who died 15th May of December 1746 aged 64 years
- CME002 Near this place lieth the body of Thomas **EDWARDS** of Slaughterford, Yeoman who died March 9th 1740 aged 82  
Also Mary the wife of Thomas **EDWARDS** who died 8th January 1744 aged 69
- CME003 Near this place lieth the body of John **EDWARDS** of Slaughterford who died March 30th 1767 age 62 years  
Also Sarah wife of John **EDWARDS** who died August 31st 1788
- CME004 To the memory of Mary wife of John **EDWARDS** of this Parish Yeoman who died April 22nd 1772 aged 63  
Also John **EDWARDS** who died Nov 28th 1774 aged 61
- CMF001 Sacred to the memory of Mr John **FORD** builder of the City of Bath who died 6th Sept. 1767 age 56 years whose abilities and enterprises in business in a great measure contributed to the erection of the handsome buildings of that city  
Also to the memory of his son Mr John **FORD** statuary [sic] who died Feb. 23rd 1803 aged 67 years  
Also to the memory of Mrs Mary **PLURA**, eldest daughter of the first named John **FORD** who died March 16th 1825 age 91 years (a widow 69 years)  
And of Ann the widow of the secondly above named John **FORD** she died 25th Oct. 1826 age 78 years, and of their only children John **FORD** A.M. of Brazen-nose [sic] College, Oxon who died 19th Sep. 1833 age 47 years and William **FORD** A.M. of University College, Oxon and of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law, who died 30th Nov. 1848 age 58 years

- CMF002 To the memory of the Hon. Mrs Elizabeth **FORRESTER** daughter of Sir Thomas **TYRRELL** Bart. of Thornton in the County of Bucks and relict of the Hon. William **FORRESTER**, a Captain in the Royal Navy.  
 She had an only son William Lord **FORRESTER** who died Oct. 24th 1762 aged 27 years, and was interred in the Parish Church of Didmarton in the County of Gloucestershire where the remains of his mother were also deposited on the 4th of Nov. 1776. Her exemplary piety diffusive charity and universal benevolence were continually manifested during a residence of upwards of 30 years in this Parish. She left by will the sum of three hundred pounds for the benefit of such poor inhabitants of Colerne as receive no alms of the Parish, in order more firmly to secure this benefaction, lands within the said Parish were purchased and conveyed to Trustees in such a manner as fully to answer her benevolent purpose
- CMG001 *[Ringing chamber]*  
 Colerne Parish Church  
 In memory of Thomas **GRAY**, 1915-1974, for many years a bell ringer in this church; these bell ropes were renewed and other fittings supplied by his many friends, with affection and gratitude
- CMH001 Here lieth the body of Mary **HARRIS** daughter of Thomas **HARRIS** who deceased 5th April Anno Dom: 1652
- CMH002 Here lies Thomas **HARRIS** of Colerne in the County of Wilton, gent. who for more than 30 years undertook faithfully in this Parish the duties of Christian, husband and best father. Finally struck by gangrene of the foot, with three daughters and one son dead and three sons and one daughter remaining he submitted to fate on the 19th day of November in the year of our Christian Era 1674 in the year of his life 63. He who has lived well does not fear to die  
 Here lies Charles fourth son of Thomas **HARRIS**, gent. of this town, Candidate to the King [...] who encompassed the end of a life, energetic but short compared with/because of its activity with the same openness of mind with which he lived, even though still a young man on the 18th April the day before Easter in the year of our Lord 1674 and in the 19th year of his life
- CMH003 'A benefactor' William **HARRIS** D.D. gave to the poor of the Parish of Cullern [sic] in manner of form following item one will require my executors to lay out three hundred pounds in one parcell [sic] of land which I desire may be conveyed to such persons as they shall think fit in trust that the rents, issues and pronts [sic] there of be disposed yearly and every year amongst such poor persons of Cullern [sic] where I was born which are housekeepers and take no almes [sic] of the Parish to be distributed at the

feast of Easter and Christmas. By the direction of my Executors, the Vicar, Church Wardens and Overseers of the poor there but if it should happen that my Executors die without issue then he that is the owner or right proprietor of the farm in Cullern [sic] shall be a Trustee with the Vicar there to see this charitable use honestly disposed to such poor people as really want the same

Date: Novem: Y 6 1700

Memorandum that Charles **SAVAGE** of Westwood in this County Esq. being of Dr **HARRIS**'s Executors has in lien of the said three hundred pounds settled a rent charge of twelve pounds per annum free from all taxes and payments whatsoever for the payment of which the said Charles **SAVAGE** has charged an estate of his Keevil Wick in the Parish of Keevil in the County of Wilts. This monument was erected in the year 1708 to the memory of that pious divine Dr. William **HARRIS** who died Novem: the 9 1700 and was interred in the Cathedral Church at Winchester. Beneath this place lies interred the body of Thomas **HARRIS** Esq. late of this Parish elder brother to the said Dr. **Harris** who departed this life 19th March Anno Domini 1691

CMH004

Here lies interred the bodies of Gifford **HULBERT** and his wife Mary departed this life 9th May 1653 and she on 21st Feb. in the year 1645 Francis **SALMON** of this Parish lies interred in the Parish Church of St. John's in the City of Bristol who departed this life the 30th April 1674 aged 54 years

Mary his wife daughter of Gifford **HULBERT** died 15th March aged 55 years. Anno Domini 1678

Also the bodies of two children of Francis **SALMON** lie buried in the Chancel of this Church who died in their infancy

CMH005

John **HOUGHTON** from the ancient family of **HOUGHTON**, born in the county/land of Lancaster [...] faithful and watchful shepherd [...] died Sept. 3rd 1702 aged 44 and rests peacefully in the Lord near this marble

His dear wife sleeps, a rare lady, outstanding in distinguished gifts. She breathed her last breath aspiring to higher things on April 24th 1717 aged 59. She was the daughter of George **YATE** of Waltham in Hampshire. In her first marriage she was married to Thomas **HARRIS**, Shield Bearer to whom she bore one small daughter who died at a tender age. In her second she married the Rev John **HOUGHTON** and when he had died she married John **MITCHELL**, son-in-law. To the aforesaid John **HOUGHTON** she bore three sons, John, Charles and George. John was a young man of great hope and when he was already in his 17th year, struck in the very flower of his youth he died Sept. 12 1712. Charles only counted 13 months and went away from here on June 24 1688. George the only

survivor built this to his parents and brothers as a proof of his/their pious and thankful spirit

- CMJ001 Near this place lies interred the bodies of Thomas, Ann and John, sons and daughter of Thomas and Sarah **JONES**. Thomas died June 28th 1748 aged 1 month. Ann died February 14th 1754 aged 3 years. John died May 7th 1754 aged 2 years
- CMJ002 [Mounted on organ console]  
In thanksgiving for the loyal service of Ted **JOHNSON**, organist and choirmaster of this church for 52 years, 1927-1979
- CMK001 In loving memory of John Stanley **KER** died November 12th 1975 and Mavis **KER** died Sep. 4th 1978 of the Manor House, Colerne. Generous benefactors of and regular worshippers in this Church
- CML001 Near this place lies interred the body of Mr James **LEWIS** Vicar of this Parish who departed this life the 8th day of January 1725 in the 34th year of his age
- CMM001 In memory of Evelyn Elizabeth **MICHAEL** née **AUST** whose happy childhood was associated with this Parish and Church. 1880-1964
- CMN001 Nearby are the mortal remains of the Revd. Joseph **NEEDHAM** who for more than 30 years which he spent as Vicar of this Parish, at the same time faithfully carried out the duties of his ministry and applied himself industriously to learned literature for the purpose of educating young men. Let him not for that reason be thought worthless in your estimation, reader. He was a man and scorned nothing human. Jesus also, the author of salvation, gladly received children and entrusted His lambs to the guardianship of an apostle  
In the same tomb are buried the remains of his dear wife Lydia from whom he received one daughter Lydia, the wife of Zechariah **SHRAPNEL** of Bradford in this County of Wilton, who set up this monument to her parents for the sake of honour  
He died 20 December 1759 aged 67. She died 3 August 1733 aged 31  
*Farewell reader, live mindful of death And may you seek eternal life in Christ*
- CMP001 Richard **PARKS** Esq.  
Born March 21st 1743  
Died June 11th 1810  
Mary Eleanor **PARKS**  
Born Aug. 28th 1768  
Died Nov. 28th 1809

- Eleanor PARKS  
Born May 11th 1801  
Died Jan. 26th 1809
- CMP002 Constantine PARKS son of the above Richard and Mary Eleanor PARKS born 30th Sep. 1791 died 23rd Nov. 1818 on his passage from Calcutta to the Cape of Good Hope
- CMP003 Charles Crawford PARKS Esq. son of the above Richard and Mary Eleanor PARKS born Nov. 17th 1797 died Aug. 22nd 1854, interred at the cemetery, Kensal Green, Middlesex
- CMP004 Underneath lie the remains of Mrs. Mary PLURA of the City of Bath who died March 16th 1825 aged 91 years
- CMP005 Sacred to the memory of John PLURA Esq., late of the City of Bath who departed this life Oct. XIX [19th] MDCCCXXI [1831] aged LXXVI [76] years. Sincerely lamented and respected by all who knew him
- CMP006 This plaque is placed here by the people of Colerne in grateful memory of Charles Henry PETERS, Priest, and to commemorate the loving work and help he gave to this parish 1932-1940
- CMS001 Zechariah SALMON of this Parish, Yeoman died July 19th 1683 aged 48  
Eleanor his wife died July 17th 1722 aged 76 years  
*When they was[sic] living here on earth this Church they did frequent to hear God's word and also join in prayers and sacraments but now unto the Lord most high their souls they recommend hoping they with their Saviors shall sit down at His right hand*  
Underneath lieth the body of Elizabeth the wife of Thomas SALMON died April 9th 1759 aged 62  
Also underneath lieth the body of Thomas SALMON the only son of Zechariah and Eleanor SALMON died May 19th 1760 aged 79
- CMS002 Near to this place lieth the body of Alice the wife of John STOKES of the Parish of Bradford and daughter of Samuel and Mary EDWARDS of this Parish. She died March 13th 1717
- CMS003 Sacred to the memory of Charles SUMSION of this Parish who died on the 7th June 1808 aged 52 and of Ann his wife who died on the 25th of Jan. 1809 aged 53. They exhibited while living an example of benevolence and integrity, their death was sincerely deplored by their relatives and friends. But the sorrow occasioned by the loss of them is alleviated by the sure and certain hope that ever lasting bliss crowns their mortal labours

Sacred to the memory of Ann **ELVER** the beloved wife of Michael **SUMSION** of this Parish who died 21st June 1826 aged 36 years

*The bloom of life alas how soon it fled, how brief her summons to the prostrate dead.  
Scareth had she marked her emblem in the flower that withered as her last hour on earth had come but now her spirits flight has long attended the realms of life and light that she has joined the Saints before the throne and hymns the praise a Saviour's love had won*

Also of Michael **SUMSION** Esq. who died Sept. 8th 1836 aged 47

CMT001 As nature paid the debt to death  
Which Adam first did merit  
So doth my soul by Christ His  
Death eternal life inherit.  
I die not but do change my life freed  
Now from woes from cares from strife

No sooner born but we begin to die  
For in this grave my house of rest I  
Lie my soul to heaven with angels fly  
For I believe that Christ for me did die

Memento Mori

Here lieth the body of Elizabeth late wife of John **TILEY** who deceased the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord Anno Dom: 1627

CMT002 Here lieth the body of Charles **TRIMLIN** the son of Andrew **TRIMLIN** who deceased the 27th Nov. 1657

CMV001 Sacred to the memory of Catherine **VINCENT** eldest daughter of the late Col. Henry **VINCENT** of Bengal Establishment who died at the Hotwells, Bristol the 28th June 1811 aged 28

CMW001 In loving memory of Ann Eliza **WALMESLEY** of Luckham who died there on the 22nd of July 1905 in her 79th year. She bade her only child John to place this tablet above the effigy of her dear husband Richard which she placed here. He died at Lucknam in his 76th year on the 26th of May 1893, they both lie in their private vault in the garden of the Manor House at Colerne adjoining the Churchyard

*The gift of God is eternal life*

CMW002 To the glory of God and in memory of Richard **WALMESLEY** of Lucknam. Born 31 July 1816. Died 26 May 1893

- CMW003 In ever living memory of Richard **WALMESLEY** Lieutenant (Special Reserve) Yorkshire Regiment A.P.W.O, *The Green Howards*, killed in action near Ypres October 21st 1914. Born November 21st 1890 eldest son of John **WALMESLEY** and grandson of the late Richard **WALMESLEY**  
*He did his duty. O may thy soldiers true and bold, fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old and won, with them the victors crown of gold, Alleluia!*
- CMW004 Near unto this place resteth the body of Jane the wife of John **WEBB** the younger of this Parish who departed this life the 18th day of October in the 3rd year of the rayne [sic] of our sovereign Lord James II Anno Domini 1687  
*Reader on me cast thine eye as thou art now so once was I but death a debt did claim of me as due I have paid it and so must you*
- CMW005 Beneath this place lieth the body of Mary the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth **WESTON** she departed this life June 22nd 1709 aged 1 year and six weeks  
*My life unto my friends is lost but yea to me is found and my body was brought and laid here in this ground my precious soul aspirèd is and lifted up on high and therefore ever to remain with Thee with those that never die*
- CMW006 Sacred to the memory of Frederick William **WOODWARD** who went home to God January 30th 1918 aged 67 years. He was a Primitive Methodist Local Preacher for 35 years. He was also Circuit and Society Steward and filled several public offices. A humble Christian and devoted husband and loving father. A wise counsellor and faithful friend  
*Thy gentleness hath made me great*  
Erected as a tribute to an inspiring life by members of the Chippenham Circuit
- CMW007 [On vestry steps]  
In Memory of Flt. Sgt. F.W. **WALE**, killed in action 27th April 1944 aged 21 years
- [Flight Sergeant Bill **WALE** was born in Colerne on 10 March 1923. During the Second World War he was trained as a navigator and served in R.A.F. Bomber Command. He flew on a number of operations over Germany, including several attacks on Berlin. He was navigator of Lancaster LL908 which was shot down in the early hours of 27 April 1944 over Ugny-sur-Meuse on the French-German border. The entire crew of seven of the Lancaster were killed. Their bodies are interred in Commonwealth War Graves in Ugny cemetery.]

- CMW008 [Below south chancel window]  
The window above portrays the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth,  
Mother of John the Baptist  
In memory of Jane Maureen WILLIAMS, 1923-1988  
And Dennis Hope WILLIAMS 1920-2011
- CMW009 [Bookshelf unit North cross aisle]  
In loving memory of Richard William WINTER, 1913-1977
- CMW010 [Ringing chamber]  
Colerne Parish Church  
Richard William WINTER, 1913-1977, an Engineer. Founder of Berwyn  
Engineering Limited, Thickwood, Colerne. He worshipped at this church  
and loved the bells. He overhauled and cherished the church clock. This  
chiming mechanism was supplied by his wife and many friends to his  
memory
- CMW011 [The following non-memorial inscription (brass plaque south chancel wall) is included as of historical interest.]  
AD 1905 This reredos was made almost entirely by the voluntary work of  
the following parishioners:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Joel WEEKS      | Maurice BEAZER   |
| George BRYANT   | Maurice BULL     |
| Edward HILLIER  | Arthur HILLIER   |
| William OSBORNE | Alfred REED      |
| Edward REED     | Richard TIDMARSH |

*Laus Deo*

CMWW01

FALLEN IN THE GREAT WAR  
1914-1918

THESE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE

Francis **ROWE** 2nd Somerset L.I., killed September 24th 1914 aged 29

Charles **RICKETTS** Sgt. 1st Somerset L.I., killed December 6th 1914 aged 38

James **HOLDER** 2nd Wilts., killed March 12th 1915 aged 22

William **HOLDER** L/C. 1st Wilts., killed August 12th 1917 aged 21

George **SIMMONS** Cpl. 2nd Wilts., killed June 23rd 1915 aged 29

Edward **FLETCHER** Sergt. 1st Wilts., died November 21st 1918 aged 31

Wilfred **OSBORNE** Gar. Artl., killed May 11th 1915 aged 27

Frederick **JOHNSON** R.F.A., died February 9th 1919 aged 22

George **WEEKS** Cpl., A.R.F., killed April 19th 1917 aged 33

William **WEEKS**, M.T., A.S.C., killed October 17th 1917 aged 29

George **WEEKS**, Stoker, R.N., killed May 31st 1916, aged 33

Ernest **WEEKS** 2nd Wilts., killed July 31st 1918 aged 31

Leonard **MOULES** 2nd Batt. Royal Fusiliers, killed April 13th 1918 aged 21

Aaron George **WEBB** 7th Devons, killed Oct 26th 1917 aged 29

Percy Francis **BOULTER** 1st Oxford and Bucks. L.I., killed April 6th 1916 aged 35

*Reader do thou a prayer renew for those who gave their lives for you*

CMWW02

1939 – 1945

Peter BEDFORD, C.D.K., G.D.S.  
Arthur FIELD, R.E.M.E.  
Maurice LITTLEWOOD, R.A.F.  
David F. POWELL, R.A.F.  
Albert J. SHEPPARD, R.E.  
Frederick W. WALE, R.A.F.

Dennis I. BRAIN, R.A.F.  
Geoffrey GRANT, R.A.F.  
Peter LITTLEWOOD, R.A.F.  
Frank C. ROBSON, R.N.  
William TILEY, M.B.E., R.A.F.

