

## Our Steep War Memorial

Steep has two war memorials: one at the junction of Mill Lane and Church Road and the other in the church. The Mill Lane war memorial is Grade II listed and was erected in 1918, just twenty one days after the armistice at the end of World War One. It was the earliest war memorial in Hampshire. This Steep memorial was designed by the notable architect and garden designer, Harry Inigo Triggs (1870 - 1923). He also published books on architecture and gardens, designing a number of buildings, gardens & other memorials in Hampshire and Surrey. The Steep memorial is in sandstone with a square pillar topped by a gabled niche with clay roof tiles. It bears the inscription: 'In peace from the battle. Psalm LV 19.' A plaque of marble tiles with a gold mosaic border and cross, bears the names of the Steep roll of honour.

The small garden at the foot of the Mill Lane memorial is now tended by Rosemary Lilley, a member of the Edward Thomas Fellowship to whom we are most grateful. Steep Parish Council provides the funding for the plants here. After the annual Remembrance Day service at Steep church, a small ceremony and wreath laying is performed each year at the Mill Lane memorial.

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