

## Gallipoli Memorial service, St Mary's church, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

At 1.30 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, a memorial service was held at St Mary's Church, Moseley led by the Reverend Duncan Strathie, to commemorate men from the area who lost their lives or had served in the Gallipoli Campaign.

One of the names for 1916 on the church's WW1 memorial board was 'H. Bunce'. Private Harry Bunce served with 9<sup>th</sup> Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Gallipoli. He survived but died in July 1916 in Mesopotamia, three months after the failed attempt to rescue Major-General Townsend in the siege of Kut. Three generations of Harry Bunce's family attended the service: grandson, Ron Bunce, two of Harry's great-grandchildren, Charlotte Mason and her sister Ann Winder, together with Charlottes' husband Andrew and children Edward and Fleur, Harry's great-great grandchildren. Edward placed a wreath at the altar on behalf of the family.

The other men commemorated were: Able Seaman Leonard Coslett, from *HMS Cornwallis*, who was killed on the first day of the Gallipoli landings, 25<sup>th</sup> April; Private Charles Ledbrook, 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Regiment; Fitter Harold Hazledine, RFA; Bombardier William Wright, RHA, a fireman based at Aston fire station; Second Lieutenant Douglas Greenway, 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Regiment, who has a memorial window dedicated to him at the church, and Quartermaster Sergeant Maurice Hobson, Worcester Yeomanry. The service was also attended by representatives of the Royal British Legion, Royal Lifeboat Institute, Mercian Regiment, The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers Association and the Federation of Ex Service Men.



Service representatives who attended the Gallipoli memorial service on 17<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's church, Moseley

