

# Founders' Gallery - Winston Spencer Churchill



Churchill wearing his honorary Air Commodore uniform with wings, 1947

For good or ill, air mastery is today the supreme expression of military power and fleets and armies, however vital and important, must accept a subordinate rank.

*Prime Minister Winston Churchill*

# Winston Spencer Churchill - RIP (St Martin's Church, Bladon)



**Sir Winston Churchill's Memorial Window**  
designed by Emma Blount

The main figures are St Martin and St Alban. St Martin is not currently represented in his Church. He is, appropriately, the patron saint of soldiers. St Alban is an appropriate choice for the second saint as the British protomartyr and as a famous English saint.

The design is crowned by Sir Winston's coat of arms. The window is thereafter divided into two "lights", one for each saint, and fitting in with the existing tracery.

The left hand "St Martin" light, features the cap badge of the Queen's Own 4th Hussars. Vines and grapes form the background; St Martin is the patron saint of vintners. At the foot of the light is a vignette of Sir Winston touring a wartime dockyard, cheered by the workers.

The right hand "St Alban" light features the badges of the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars, the 6th Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the cap badge for the Harrow Rifles are at the top of each light. Thus all four of Sir Winston's most important military units are represented. The Harrow Rifles badge is a counterpoint to the Eton badge in the existing Spencer-Churchill window. The footing of this light shows Sir Winston, Montgomery and Alanbrooke on the banks of the Rhine.

The border symbols include: a butterfly (for those at Chartwell,) Spitfire, a book written by Sir Winston, Sir Winston playing polo, Jock the cat, Rufus the poodle, Sir Winston's bow tie, the portcullis of the House of Commons, two men fencing to represent Sir Winston's fencing prowess, the Union Jack in black and white, "Come into the Factories" poster, an evacuee child with a gas mask, St George's flag in colour, the V for Victory salute, tin hat, painting brushes, car, Sir Winston's racing colours, a soldier, Pol Roger champagne, black swan, ink pen, "Liberator" Commando, WSC's profile with cigar, Nobel Literature prize, and an image of barbed wire broken to represent Sir Winston's escape from a Boer prisoner of war camp.

Running throughout the coloured background to both lights are many quotations from Sir Winston's speeches, writings and "bon mots". All images and quotations have been verified: they are all reliable and, we feel, appropriate, referential to Sir Winston's career and humanity. They will offer an education to visitors as they gaze upon the window.

