

Pertaining to the: **War Memorial Tablets**  
At: **All Hallows' Gospel Oak**  
In the Diocese of: **London**

This Statement of Need has been prepared by HMDW Architects Ltd in collaboration with the PCC, and accompanies a Statement of Significance, both of which have been prepared as part of a Faculty application.

All Hallows Church comprises a large 850 sq.m main church space, used for regular worship and concerts, an undercroft below the east end containing sacristy, meeting room, kitchen and toilets, an annexe to the south (South Court) containing toilets, a small kitchen, and community room, and a neighbouring building, leased out permanently as a nursery school.

The existing inscriptions on the war memorial are indistinct and there is a desire to 'renew' them to aid interpretation. When designed, the war memorial did not have the names of the fallen inscribed on it because the war had not finished.

To mount new stone tablets bearing the names of the fallen on the west façade adjacent to the memorial, using stainless steel dowels let into the back of the stones. *Below: The proposed stone tablets waiting to be fixed.*



#### 4. The immediate requirement

Mounting of the stone tablets will improve interpretation of the memorial, particularly during the well-attended annual Remembrance Sunday services.

Following extensive research, additional names were discovered for inclusion on the tablets, meaning that they are now the most extensive record of names for the church commemorated.

The recent anniversary of the Armistice saw increased interest in war memorials. An assessment of the Calvary at Gospel Oak saw it Listed Grade II in February 2018. It is therefore appropriate that the names of the fallen are displayed to facilitate acts of remembrance at the memorial.

#### 5. Justification

The proposed mounting of the tablets will have minimal impact on the building. Given that the names of the fallen were not originally inscribed on the memorial, it is more fitting to the significance and interpretation for the names to be erected separately.