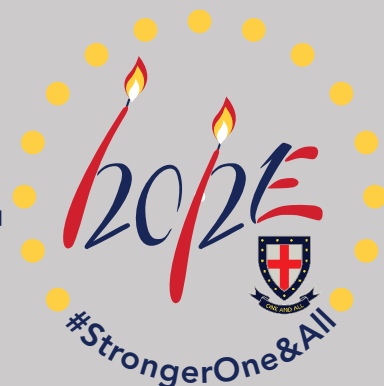




# ST STITHIANS COLLEGE PATH of HOPE + LIGHT



## GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



The Garden of Remembrance was an initiative of Vernon Clegg, Boys' College Deputy Headmaster at the time. It is believed that Arthur Hills may have been the designer as he worked on other projects at the College at that time. It was opened in 1981 as consecrated ground. The service was conducted by the College Chaplain, Rev Brian Hutchinson. Also present: Mark Henning (Headmaster), Rev Stanley Pitts (Chairman of Council), Vernon Clegg (Deputy Headmaster), Craig Benadie (Headboy).

For many years the Garden was maintained by the Elms family, who chose to have ashes of their loved ones interred in the garden. Generosity from the Elms family ensured that there were always fresh flowers and flowering shrubs in the garden.

Our St Stithians Remembrance Day Service is an annual event to honour and pay tribute to those members of our Community of Belonging who are no longer with us. The day coincides with our All Saints Day.

The Service takes place in the Chapel with the laying of the wreath in the Garden of Remembrance thereafter. Each year a Remembrance Booklet is created as part of this service. The first edition of the booklet was published in 2007 by Sue MacKenzie, who had been employed at the Boys' College as a counselling psychologist. Her goal was to record and preserve the human stories associated with the memorials located on the grounds of St Stithians. These memorials exist in the Garden of Remembrance and in many other places on the Campus. Julia Phipps in the Advancement Department has developed the booklet into a living history of those who have walked before us, and who have been part of the Saints community. The Memorial Booklet is updated every year and provides a window into the personalities and history of the College, honours those families who have chosen Saints as the final resting place for their loved ones, and reminds the community that we remember and honour those who have gone before us.

**Click this link to download** a copy of the [2020 Memorial Booklet](#).

Source:

Stythian 1981 and emails from Mark Henning, Hugh Huggett and Ann Clarke

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Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

