

REMEMBERING MARGIT FENTON

28 September 2015

This afternoon, Monday 28 September, All Saints' held a memorial service for Mrs Margit Fenton, Légion d'Hon, MBE who died at this time last year at the age of 102 years. Margit lived most of her adult life in Marseille coming here when she married at 19 and departing 80 years later when she turned 99 (except when she was evacuated during WWII). She was married here and her son was baptized here.



Father David reading a prayer beside the lit Scandinavian candle.

Aside from the members of the congregation, present were Mary Cooper (Margit's daughter) and Alexandra, Victoria and Peter, a few of Margit's grandchildren. The family had advised they were "a candle family" and often used the lighting of candles to signify special family events. As part of the service, Mary and her children gathered in front of Margit to light a special Scandinavian candle and to say a silent prayer. Following this, a photo of Margit was pinned to the "Wall of Saints" that Father David has set up for the month of October. In yet another portion of the worship time, Mary read a prayer that had been composed especially for the occasion by her husband, Peter Cooper.

As a moving tribute, Aiden played *Bach's Gavotte in C Minor* on his cello.

Tomorrow, Margit will be laid to rest in the military cemetery next to her husband, John Fenton.



Mary Cooper, Margit's daughter leads in a prayer composed by her husband, Peter Cooper.



Pinning Margit's photo to the "Wall of Saints"

As an aside, Alexandre believes John's parents were the first couple to be married at the new All Saints' church in 1905!



Christopher, Victoria, Alexandra and Mary pose for a photo before the "Wall of Saints" with Margit's picture as the first arrival.