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# POPPIES AT THE PRIORY

COMMEMORATION OF THE  
BOMBING OF RAF TANGMERE  
AND THE DEATH OF **BILLY FISKE**

At **12.30pm on Sunday 17th** there will be a 30 minute service of dedication of the poppy cascade and memorial to Billy Fiske.



**In 1940 RAF Tangmere was bombed by the Luftwaffe and Saturday August 16th 2025 marks the 85th anniversary.**

Boxgrove Priory Church will recognise the event with Tangmere's air raid sirens at 1.00 followed by a 2 minute silence and the unfurling of a magnificent poppy cascade which will be draped around the **Church's War Memorial.**

Buried in a quiet corner of the churchyard at Boxgrove is RAF pilot Billy Fiske, whose Hurricane was seriously damaged that day.

He managed to land, but died the following day from his extensive burns and surgical shock. Local residents proudly tend his grave to this day, together with those of other servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Further **trails of poppies** will also lead to Billy Fiske's grave and the magnificent stained glass window that commemorates him.

