They are Not Forgotten.

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1950, those who had the high privilege of receiving an invitation were present in Westminster Abbey when Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, attended a service for the opening of the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Chapel to the memory of all the nurses and midwives who gave their lives during the World War, 1939–45, and the unveiling of a beautiful stained glass window in the Chapel.

To provide this memorial, a fund was opened in 1946,



Photo :

East Wall of Nurses' Memorial Chapel.

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for which over £77,000 has been raised; the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey allocated the Upper Islip Chapel, which has been furnished through the gifts of the nurses and midwives themselves, and adorned by two gilded bronze candlesticks, the gift of the Queen, placed on either side of the bronze casket containing the Roll of Honour. Before the service, which was conducted by the Dean,

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Photo: Nursing Miri Stained Glass Window by Hugh Easton.

it and the other ornaments of this Chapel to the glory of God."

In dedicating the gifts the Dean said : "In memory of those whose names are inscribed in the Roll of Honour I dedicate to the glory of God this memorial window and the other ornaments of this Chapel, known from old by the name of Jesus, who, being found infashion, as a man humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.



