

# **The Story of The Wayside Cross at Woodchester**

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**“The First War Memorial”**

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The story of the building in 1916 and 1917 of Britain's first war memorial The Wayside Cross by the Woodchester Dominicans, Father Pope and the people of the Stroud Valleys, who were moved by grief at the loss of loved ones . They needed to have Remembrance for

*“The heroes who hailed from our villages and hamlets, whom we have known and talked to in the days before the war when they went out with a handshake and their place knew them no more.”*

Why did an act of faith and the need for Remembrance cause controversy?

How this first war memorial then led to the first Remembrance Sunday, when up to 10,000 people came to honour those heroes at The Wayside Cross.

*(RRP: £5 for the Wayside Cross restoration fund)*

