Silcoates does
The WW1 Battlefields
19th–24th October 2013

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
St Symphorien

One of the first war grave cemeteries we will visit where some of the first and some of the last casualties of WW1 are remembered.

‘The first shall be last and the last shall be first….’

As we step backing time,

listening for the lost echoes of voices long gone

and looking for scraps of lives

etched on cold stone;

you call us forward again

to consider the possibility

that even we could be peacemakers.       JAL: 21.10.12
We follow the trail that leads us to find the names of some of the Silcoaitians who died in WW1

Fallen

Fallen,
like leaves,
one on top of another;
so close together:
touching. JAL: 23.10.12

WB Wetherill died at Loos
JS Thomas died at Arras

The names on the walls

As the sun breaks through the mist
we lift our hands to trace the names on the walls;
so many we cannot count them.
For those we forget and
for those we remember

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

JAL: 22.10.12

Several Silcoatians died during the Battle of the Somme. Two are remembered at Serre Road number 2 Cemetery: Newlands and Mansell
On the Somme, October 2012

‘Follow me’ you said,
and we did;
up a stony track
to another fine, neat
space
in which to rest,
from where we could see
all along the ridge,
one after another,
the Cross of Sacrifice,
brazing white,
each one surrounded
by its own
neatly groomed,
perfectly aligned family,
while in the stubble
poppies still bloomed.  JAL: 25.10.12.
International prayer for peace

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead me for despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Tyne Cot Cemetery
Two Silcoatians, Harry Moorhouse and Ronald Moorhouse, father a son killed on the same day, are remembered at the Tyne Cot Memorial.
Other Silcoatians

Several silcoatians are remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing:

Langemark: A German military cemetery.

On both sides, people prayed to the same God

Wilhelm Morgner, German Artist, ‘Palm Sunday’
Closing responses, *in English*

Leader  On our hearts and on our homes  
All    The blessing of God  
Leader  On our school and on our working  
All    The help of God  
Leader  In our coming and our going  
All    The peace of God  
Leader  In our life and our believing  
All    The love of God

*And in German*

Leader  In unseren Herzen und unseren Häusern  
All    Der Segen Gottes  
Leader  In unserer Gemeinschaft un unserer Arbeit  
All    Die Hilfe Gottes  
Leader  Bei unserem Kommen und unserem Gehen  
All    Der Freude Gottes  
Leader  In unserem Leben und unserem Glauben  
All    Die Liebe Gottes