

Memories of Fr. Charles Wright C.SsR

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Fr Charlie Wright who died in Bishop Stortford in 1947.

He was a chaplain during the First World War, and he found himself one day on a platform in front of a whole crowd of men but he was on the platform with the Church of England Chaplain, and this man the Church of England Chaplain was suggesting that they while they were all meeting there have some prayer in common. But Charlie Wright remembered his moralist books and in those days knew he was forbidden to pray in common with members of other Christian churches and in particular he was not allowed to say the Lord's prayer, and he was trying to get out of praying with this man when a loud voice amongst the people, the soldiers said "I agree with Comrade Wright, what's the point of prayer".

To go back to Charlie Wright, a story that was told about him, you have to remember that he lived in the days when asking permission was all important, and who you had to ask permission, of who had the power to grant permissions. But the story goes that one day in the middle of dinner he looked around and noticed that the Rector was missing, the minister who was he second in charge was missing and that he as senior member by profession was in charge, and he rang the bell and he said "I am the senior in profession, and as the senior in profession I have the power to grant myself a glass of wine during the meal but unfortunately I cannot give permission for the rest of you to have it. So brother would you please me one glass of wine." How true this is one never knows but it's one of the stories handed on about Charlie in days gone by.