**Dorothy Household**

**17th July 1974**

SEFF remembers Dorothy Household who was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists. Dorothy was a 45-year-old lady who was recognised by her family and others as an amazing and committed Christian who believed passionately in evangelism. One such act involved Dorothy working alongside Rev. George Lovell (who was engaged in work from England designed to help promote peace in Northern Ireland).

Dorothy was a librarian by profession, she attended Parchmore Methodist Church and Community Centre, her faith was everything to her. Dorothy was instrumental in having a floor inserted in the building so that the ground floor could accommodate a community centre for the challenging London suburb in which it is situated.

The chapel is now less lofty and the space Dorothy helped create is now doing sterling work for the wider community. Dorothy was a powerful yet modest Christian soul, she was in the Tower of London on 17th July 1974 taking two little children there to give their parents a break for the day.

Unfortunately, they were there when a Provisional IRA bomb exploded in the White Tower of the Tower of London. Dorothy was the only person to lose her life; the little ones that were with her were severely injured but thankfully survived. At least 40 other people were also injured, with many losing limbs and suffering severe facial injuries.

Dorothy is remembered on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt; Terrorism knows NO Borders. On the individual patch dedicated to Dorothy there is a book to represent her profession, there is also an outline of the gable end of Parchmore Methodist Church & Community Centre to represent her faith and the work she carried out within the parish, lastly there is a silhouette of the White Tower in the Tower of London (where the Provisional IRA outrage occurred)

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Household family today and every day.