



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

4th November 2018

All Saints Day

We offer a warm welcome to everyone at our services today.

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Anyone driving around the Counties of Hereford and Shropshire over the last couple of months cannot have failed to see in many different locations the black silhouettes of a lone soldier arrayed in the kit and uniform of the first world war infantry man commonly known as the Tommy. They are there because this year marks the centenary year ending the hostilities of the First World War. The words 'Lest we forget' have this stark visual reminder in addition to the more familiar poppy. It is important to remember that the ending of that war was an Armistice. No one knows for sure of how many casualties there were but estimates of around sixteen million are regularly quoted. There were no winners or losers in the sense of the victorious and the vanquished. It was a mutual agreement to stop fighting and so on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month hostilities ceased.

For much of the twentieth century 'Lest we forget' had an obvious meaning in that for many the annual Remembrance Day had a personal link as it provided a way in which individuals could share publicly as the nation expressed its grief corporately. Certainly, after the first war the level of grief and family loss was extensive.

Hardly a family in the land were untouched by loss. The Second World War was similar. Of course, we must not underestimate the way that grief still affects those who have lost loved ones in more recent conflicts or diminish the sacrifice they made.

However, as we enter the second decade of the twenty first century what does 'Lest we forget' mean now? George Santayana (1863-1952) wrote "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." War may be unavoidable at times but it is always a failure. The lessons of war are surely to work for peace, justice and reconciliation and do all in our power to prevent it. As human beings we are capable of achieving great heights and sinking to abominable depths. Aggression and conflict remain realities. In our digital and cyber age it comes in many and various guises. It is a matter of history that narrow nationalism did not help the inexorable slide into the conflict a century ago. The right to self-determination should never be conflated with narrow self-interest. The pursuit of trust, truth and cooperation are as important now as ever. 'Lest we forget' surely needs to focus here as we look to the future.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Paul Eward

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES:

Stella Thornhill

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 25.6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'
5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Reading John 11.32-44

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

NOTICES

Experiencing Remembrance on Friday 9th November children from local primary schools will be 'Experiencing Remembrance' at St Mary's. The displays set up for this event as well as some amazing artwork produced by the pupils themselves will remain in church for a few days after the event - do call in to have a look. Freda Davies.

Talking Jesus, an exciting new six week course to inspire us all to share our faith confidently and naturally, begins on 13th November from 2pm to 3pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Everyone welcome. For more details contact Simon or Christine.

Every year as a church we set aside money to **donate to good causes** close to our hearts and at the November meeting of the PCC we decide how our gifts should be shared. So please, if you have a charity or cause you would like to be considered this year, talk to our Treasurer, Peter Raddenbury, or any other member of the PCC. Simon

Monthly coffee morning Saturday 10th November 10.30am - 12.30pm St Mary's Church Hall hosted by the 'Piecemakers'. Seasonal preserves, cakes and Traidcraft bargains, cards, gifts etc. Plus good coffee and company. Margaret Mason

Our season of remembrance throughout the Benefice continues this week. In addition to next Sunday's services and the Experiencing Remembrance event. on **Wednesday 7th**

November from 1.15pm there will be the annual cleaning of the memorial plaques, soldiers' graves and churchyard at St. Michael's, Walford. All are welcome, bring your scrubbing brushes!. On **Thursday 8th November** at 11.45am we gather at the Prospect in Ross for the Chelsea Pensioners Service to be followed by the Dedication of Falklands Conflict stone. And on **Saturday 10th November** at 10.00am an Act of Remembrance in Brampton Abbots school with The Royal British Legion.

Battle's Over. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a half hour concert by Allegra Ladies Choir from Newport at St Mary's on Sunday 11 November at 6pm. Afterwards, a piper will lead you to the Prospect where there will be a very short ceremony before the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the Revd Prebendary Kay Garlick, lights the beacon at 7pm. Rachel Lewis

Join us for a **Quiet Time** at 4pm at St Mary's on Sunday 4th November - an opportunity to make time for quiet reflection and prayer. Further details from Chris Blanchard or Freda Davies.

Please contact Nick in the office if you are due to attend a **fundraising committee** in St Mary's Church Hall on Tuesday 4th December, as the hall is now required for a meeting of all Benefice Churchwardens and The Archdeacon

Travelling Cribs - It is now time to think about Travelling Cribs. Anne Morris is compiling a list of families with young children who will host The Woolly Crib for one night during Advent - the crib returns to church at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve when it is reunited with all the woolly sheep left behind on its travels. Please contact Anne Morris on 562299 if you would like to be involved. For the more mature members of our congregations we are looking for people willing to host Mary And Joseph and their diary for one night during Advent - another Epiphany Party is planned for their return so we can hear extracts from

the diary telling us of their adventures!
Please contact Freda Davies on 562366 if you would like to be involved. The journeys will begin on Advent Sunday 2nd December. Freda Davies.

Mothers Union will meet on Wednesday 7th November, 2:00p.m. in St Mary's Church hall. The talk entitled "All at Sea" will be given Rev. Marvin Bamforth. Members are requested to bring their MU collecting boxes please. Everyone is welcome. Margaret Willis

The Advent study this year is entitled : 'Come and Worship' and is based on the carol 'Angels from the realms of glory'. There will be groups on Monday evenings with Pauline Leggate and with Paul and Margaret Mason and on Tuesday evenings with Chris Blanchard. For more details telephone Chris on 01989-762368.

Supper Club Our next evening meeting is on November 6th at Castle Lodge Hotel
Speaker: Dr Roger Davies on "GOD AND WORLD WAR ONE". It will be a world premiere! William Hazelton 01989 568705 or menu details on the door. All Welcome including Ladies !

Flicks in the Sticks Tuesday 13th November
The Happy Prince (15) William Hazelton

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 8th November

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Saturday 10th November

10.00am Act of Remembrance - Brampton Abbotts School with The Royal British Legion

Sunday 11th November

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

10.50am Remembrance - Walford

11.15am Remembrance - Ross (preceded by Act of Remembrance at The Prospect 10.45am)

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton and The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

Sunday kids runs during this service

Setting: Mass of St Cedd - *Nardone*

Introit: 304 Let saints on earth in concert sing

Psalm: 24.1-6

Gradual: 602 Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory: 296 For all the saints

Communion: Give us the wings of faith to rise - *Ernest Bullock*

Post Communion: 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Please *join us for coffee after this service.*

9.30am Morning Prayer - Walford

Canon Freda Davies

Hymn: 177 For all the saints (vs 1,4,6,7,8)

Hymn: 691 Thy kingdom come, O God

Hymn: 209 Glory to thee, O God (tune of hymn 463)

Hymn: 636 The Church's one foundation

11.15am Café Church - Brampton Abbotts School

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

4.00pm Quiet Time - Ross

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard and Canon Freda Davies

6.30pm All Souls - Ross

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Hymn: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hymn: 799 The Lord's my shepherd

Anthem: Kyrie: from The Armed Man - *Karl Jenkins*

Hymn: 218 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son