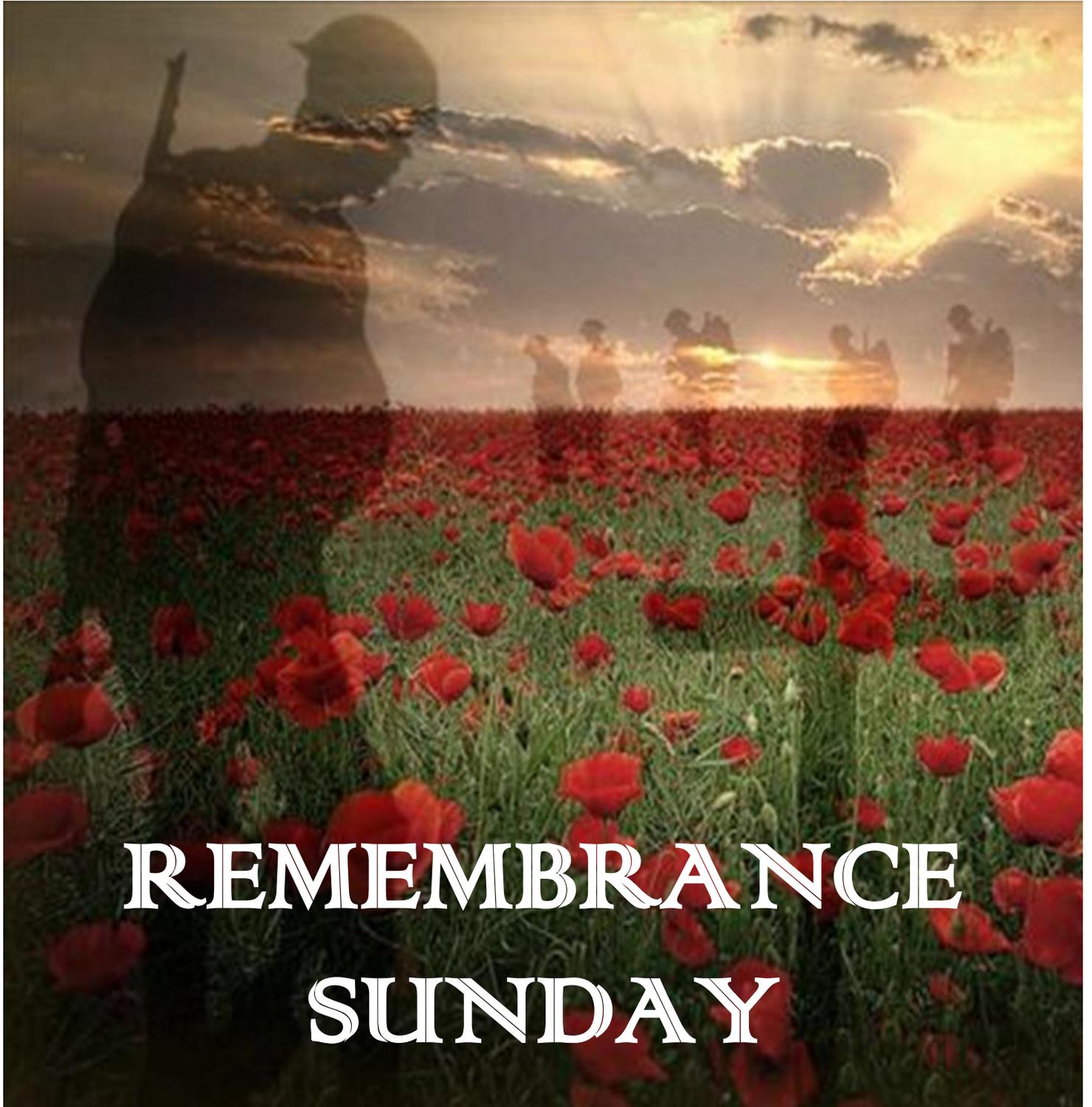




The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet
8 November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Calmness, Courage and Compassion

It came as a bit of a shock to many of us, when it emerged last Saturday that the second lockdown, which many were expecting at some point, had come rather sooner than we had imagined. The restrictions began quietly on Thursday and this week the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to the nation urging us to



be **calm, courageous** and **compassionate**. Three qualities which will help us get through the anxieties of this further period of restriction but are also in the foreground of the character of many who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom and justice for us and generations to come in conflicts past and present. Those many brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that peace might prevail. Both World Wars and more recent conflicts have left their mark on every community across this nation. In the face of trauma and violence people calmly left their communities and fought for freedom with courage, having compassion for their neighbour. The reading taken from John's gospel makes it abundantly clear, as Jesus exhorts us to love: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' At the beginning of the pandemic some people described the fight against this strange and unpredictable virus that is spreading across the world as a war. It is certainly a very difficult and traumatic time for many as they contemplate redundancy and anxiety and isolation, but with the love of God and in loving others an inner peace will prevail. May God bless you all in these uncertain times. Fr James



A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Organ Music

Organ music is played before the service.

Welcome *Words of welcome are given to all online.*

Hymn

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

The Act of Penitence

We remember today all those from this community who were caught up in the courageous but tragic events of conflicts past and present. We remember those who were killed in action, the bereaved, the lost, the families which were shattered, the wounded, maimed and injured, and those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare. As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home in this community, let us pray that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace, and bring us his healing.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us from our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading: Micah 4: 1 – 4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that

my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Address

Hymn

**And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?**

**And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?**

**And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?**

**And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?**

Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!

Bring me my chariot of fire!

**I shall not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,**

**till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.**

The Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

Notices

The notices and announcements are given.

The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God
and commend to His sure keeping;
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Two minutes' silence is kept

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home tell them of us and say,
'for your tomorrow we gave our today.'

A wreath is laid at the war memorial in church, which will be taken from there and laid at the war memorial on River Green.

Poem: The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:

That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

The Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity, that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nation.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit. Give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope and keep us faithful, now and always. Amen

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**

The Final Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary



PRAYER INTENTIONS

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Our Archdeacons** Steven, Karen and Ian **Ecumenical** Our brothers and sisters in the Methodist Church at Heartsease Lane and Wroxham Road **Anglican Communion** Church in the West Indies, Bishop Howard Gregory

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly all those working in our local hospitals (NNUH), including doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff and chaplains. On this Remembrance Sunday for the work of the Royal British Legion, for all who have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of war and conflict, and for all who continue to serve in HM Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Dales Loke, Davidson Close, Davidson Road

Our local police Local Beat Manager PC Andy Mason

Civic Leaders Members of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, particularly Mayor, John Fisher and Deputy Mayor, Sue Lawn; Members of Broadland District Council for this parish – Jonathan Emsell, John Fisher, Sue Lawn, Ian Mackie, Trudy Mancini-Boyle and Nigel Shaw; County Councillors – John Fisher and Ian Mackie; MP – Chloe Smith; our twin town of St Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada and Mayor, Doug Naish and Dep. Mayor, Brad Henderson.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including

Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Gerald White, Anthony Travis, Paul Rayner, Mark King, Fr Patrick Kerley

THE DEPARTED

The recently departed

Doreen Thompson (3rd Nov), Doris Kemp (5th Nov), Keith Fuller, Bill Stibbe

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Gordon Bowen (10th), John Edwards (11th)

OTHER NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Our Church doors are shut - we are anything but...

So give us a look - we're on Facebook!!

Join us on Facebook LIVE each Sunday at 9.30am!



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Telephone 01603 439160 www.parish-life.co.uk

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STAY AT HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.

SERVICES IN THE SECOND LOCKDOWN The Government guidelines indicate that there should be no public worship in church during this period of second lockdown, apart from funerals and services which are broadcast live from the church. We will continue to hold a live-streamed service from the church **each Sunday at 9.30am** and also **Morning Prayer at 8.45am on Thursdays.**

PRIVATE PRAYER The Parish Church is open for private individual prayer. Please observe social distancing, wear face coverings and make use of the hand sanitisers. The opening hours are as follows:

Monday CLOSED Tuesday - Saturday 10am to 4pm Sunday 11am to 5pm

PRAYER RESOURCES: A CALL TO PRAYER The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called us all to pray for the nation in this month of lockdown. This can be done at any time but they hope you might pray with them each evening briefly at 6pm. You might wish to light a candle and use some of the resources. These are available on the Church of England, but I have collated them in a leaflet which will be emailed or delivered at the same time as this booklet. Fr Taylor and I will also broadcast a short prayer at 6pm each day on Facebook, commencing on **Monday 9 November.**

ZOOM COFFEE IS BACK We will hold our first Zoom Coffee morning on Thursday morning at 11.00am (12 November). Further dates will be announced as we go on. The Zoom code will be sent out on Wednesday 11 November. **Bring your own coffee!! Other drinks are available!!**

CAFÉ CHURCH This will also take place on Zoom at **11.00am on Sunday 22 November**. A decision will be made nearer the time about the Café Church services scheduled for 24 January and 28 February, as to whether they are in person or on Zoom.

POPPY APPEAL Please do support the work of the Royal British Legion by supporting them online if you can – www.britishlegion.org.uk You can download a poppy to stick up in your window. We have done one for the Church noticeboard and for the Rectory window.

THORPE COMMUNITY CHURCHYARD PROJECT – YARMOUTH ROAD We are very grateful to Dale Wiseman and his team. We did have dates for **14 November and 5 December**. **We will notify on Facebook if these are going ahead.**

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

From Linda Olney The Children's Society has asked that I should now collect and empty their charity boxes. This has been delayed but they would be very grateful for these much needed donations. I am happy to collect from the Parish church, or alternatively please contact me on 01603 434986. Many thanks.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL Thank to you all for the way in which you have responded to giving during this pandemic. Please continue to give as generously as you can. If you have a question in relation to giving please contact our Treasurer on her email: treasurersa@gmail.com

100 CLUB The 2020-2021 season runs October to September. Forms are available. Please can you support this if you are able. You can hold up to three numbers. You can obtain a form by contacting Linda 01603 434986 or Ann 01603 436619 **The November draw will be drawn on 15 November.**

BIBLE STUDY, AUTUMN 2020 – ON ZOOM: ‘When in Romans...’ This continues on **Thursday 12 November at 7pm**. We are reading and reflecting upon Romans, the book we have been hearing alongside the Gospel in Church these past few months. All are very welcome, whether you have read Romans before, or never even opened its pages. Sessions will be discursive and relaxed. Please e-mail Fr Taylor (fr.taylor@outlook.com) so you can be added to the Zoom invitation. Assistance can be given for those new to Zoom!

VOLUNTEERS The Churchwardens are preparing rotas for people to welcome us on a Sunday morning, cleaning and anything else you would like to volunteer with. Please do speak to Alison or Tim. They would love to hear from you. If you haven't volunteered before now is the time!! **THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS IS tsachurchwardens@gmail.com**

PASTORAL CARE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC Many have said that this is a 'marathon and not a sprint' and as the months go on and the restrictions are more again this seems real. If you need anything (and I mean anything: shopping, telephone calls, medication, whatever it is) please do say. If you know of people in our community who need something – then let us know about them too. Our details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

NHS COVID-19 APP If you have a smartphone please do download the app. The QR codes for our three buildings are displayed at the St Andrew's Centre, the Good Shepherd and Parish Church respectively. Please do make sure as you leave that you check out of the venue too.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact our Rector,

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