



Newsletter

(17) Sunday 12 to Saturday 25 Nov 2017

Our aim is to *KNOW* God through Jesus,
GROW in faith, and *SHOW* God's love in our community



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The day before Armistice Day marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of the third Battle of Ypres, better known to history as the battle of Passchendaele. The war poet Siegfried Sassoon wrote: 'I died in hell (they called it Passchendaele).' It is difficult to imagine that where today neat modern bungalows sit in flower-filled gardens, almost 500,000 soldiers were killed or wounded in a sea of mud caused by the constant torrential rain. The soldiers slept in the mud, fought in the mud and drowned in the mud. It clogged rifles, spoilt food and rendered artillery useless. Mustard gas was used for the first time, with horrific consequences. But it is the cemeteries which bring home to us the enormity of the loss of life, and its impact on the 20th century.

Visiting the battlefields some years ago, I was struck by the sheer size of the main cemetery at Tyne Cot, with its row on row of white headstones and endless walls of names of those whose bodies were never found, and the contrast at Polygon Wood between the geometric precision of the British cemetery viewed from the Australian war memorial mound, and the small walled area of irregular battlefield graves in the field opposite. Yet it was the single memorial to a Captain of the Cameron Highlanders deep in the woods down a tiny track, erected not by the CWGC but by his mother, which moved me most.

Thirteen local men who died at Passchendaele are commemorated in St Paul's Churchyard. They did not fall in any of the major offensives, in which none of our local regiments were involved, but in the war of attrition between both sides which took place in between. They were holding the line. By the grace of God, none of us will ever be involved in such horror, but we too are called to hold the line of His kingdom as we try to live out the life to which Jesus has called us here in our communities in Kersal and Carr Clough. In this way we honour their memory and their sacrifice.

Anthea Darlington

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 19 Nov)

St Andrew's 11am (HC 26 Nov)

Christian Meditation: 7.30-8.30pm (details 792-1098)

Morning Prayers: Mon; Tues (9am); Weds (9.15am)

Night Prayers: Tues: 8.45pm (details from 798 6917)

Wednesdays: St Paul's Holy Communion 10am

St Andrew's Prayers 2pm

Bible Readings

12 Nov Wisdom 6: 12-16. Matt 25: 1-13.

15 Nov Rev 4. Luke 19: 11-28.

19 Nov Zephaniah 1:7 12-18.

Matt 25:14-30.

22 Nov Daniel 5:1-6,13-17,23-28.

Luke 21:12-19.

26 Nov Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24.

Matt 25: 31 to end.

DIARY DATES

Sun 12 Nov 10.30am Joint Service of Remembrance and Parade at St. Paul's.

Mon 13 Nov GROW meeting 7.30pm
5 Moorside Road.

Mon 20 Nov 7.30 to 9.30pm SHOW Group meeting in St. Paul's Social Area.

Sat 25 Nov 11am to 1pm **Parish Christmas Fair** in St. Paul's Church. Stalls include Raffle, tombola, Christmas goods, £1 bags, cakes, bric-a-brac, children's games, refreshments and lots more. Father Christmas will be there with gifts and photo opportunity. Stall and prize items needed at both churches asap; offers of help welcome. Many thanks

Mon 27 Nov 7.30pm KNOW meeting in the Parish Office.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sat 2 Dec 9.45am to 3.30pm **'Preparing for Christmas'** at St. Paul's. Reflection time in the morning: a shared lunch and various Christmas activities to enjoy in the afternoon. All welcome – no charge. Further details from Beryl or Eileen.

Sat 2 Dec 2.30 to 4.30pm Messy Church Nativity at St. Andrew's.

St Andrew's Wednesday 2pm Fellowship. Revd. Mike is coming to bring Holy Communion to the fellowship on

Wednesday, 13 December. It would be lovely to see you then if you have time in the middle of your preparations for Christmas. After 13 December we close until Wednesday 7 February. Do come at 2pm if you would like to join us for a short time of prayer followed by tea and biscuits and the opportunity to retreat from the hustle and bustle for an hour or so. Heather Martin

Gary Bridson-Daley has published a book called 'The Last Heroes A Debt of Gratitude'. The book are stories of 42 WW2 Veterans, men and women from branches of the armed forces and civilian services. It was written to honour all veterans of services and conflicts with gratitude and remembrance. The forward has been written by Dame Vera Lynn. The book is available from The History Press, Amazon, and Poppy Shop websites. Copies sold through Royal British Legion Poppy shop proceeds will go to the RBL for their work. Gary can be contacted on 07960-021-492. (Amazon price is £20 for hard copy £8.54 for kindle).

This is the last Newsletter for this year. The next Newsletter is due to be published for Sunday, 7 January 2018. In the meantime, look out for the Christmas

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Magazine and timetable for the Christmas services and events.

At this time of Remembrance let us all say a special prayer in the hope that the indiscriminate killing which is taking place in the world ceases and that peace will finally come to the world.

Take care of yourselves, stay well, have a good Christmas and I hope that the New Year will be a more peaceful one for all of us.

Norma

REMEMBRANCE Charles Henrywood 2009

Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,
That all are human and all pay the price.
All life is dear and should be treated so;
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.

Protect, dear Lord, all who, on our behalf,
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.
May they find courage for each task they face
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.
Then, duty done and missions at an end,
Return them safe to family and friends.

Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;
Who died protecting us and this their land.
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.
With those who mourn support and comfort share.
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.

And some there be who no memorial have;
Who perished are as though they'd never been.
For our tomorrows their today they gave,
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

AMEN



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