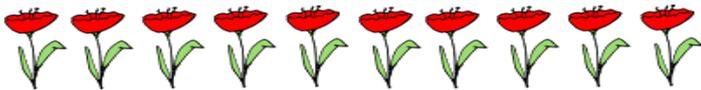




Newsletter

(17) Sunday 11 to Saturday 24 Nov 2018

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



'Lest we forget'

So much is expressed by those three, simple, words. In a busy world where so many of us live busy lives, taking time to pause, to remember, is an unusual yet profound thing to do.

Memories inevitably fade with the passage of time, and some of us find it hard, for one reason or another, to remember. As generations increasingly only know the accounts of two World Wars from history books and films, memories become stories, ever easier to sanitise and to overlook.

What, then, if we fail to remember? If we come to think that continuing to commemorate two World Wars is something old fashioned, or something that doesn't raise strong feelings in us because it all happened so long ago? Perhaps there's a key in the word itself.

The opposite to 'remember' isn't 'forget': it's 'dismember'. A violent word, a word that brings to mind horrific pictures of things and people being ripped apart. But that word captures the whole evil of war. We have people in our community here who have lived through wars past and present. Any of them can tell us how violent, how horrific, how evil war is as it rips apart places, communities, and people. It brings out the very worst in humanity, and it dismembers all it touches.

War can also bring out the very best in humanity, in those who gave, and who give, so much in the cause of peace. But every year I'm reminded of the words of a professional soldier, who said 'we do what we have to, but we fight in the hope that one day we won't have to.' His words are a stark reminder that despite the glamour of the war films, there is no glory in war.



There can be great courage, selflessness and sacrifice, but no glory.

But what of us? If we, and others like us in every country, fail to remember, fail to be motivated to work for peace, then the dismembering of God's world continues. If we truly want to honour those who have sacrificed so much for the cause of peace, and those who continue to do so today, we *will* remember, and commit ourselves afresh to do everything we can for the cause of peace.

Revd Lee

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10.30am (Joint Remembrance 11 Nov); St Paul's 10am (HC 18 Nov) St Andrew's 11am (MP 18 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 10am Holy Communion St Andrew's 2pm Prayers

Service Leaders and Readings

Sun 11 Nov St. P's. (LPL/AWD/DM)
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & Mark 1:14-20.

Wed 14 Nov St. P's. (NP) Titus 3:1-7 & Luke 17:11-19.

Sun 18 Nov St. P's. (MD/AR/AP)
Daniel 12:1-3 & Mark 13: 1-8.

St. A's (KD/LPL/HS) Psalm 16

Wed 21 Nov St. P's. (LPL) Psalm 150 & Luke 19:11-28.

Sun 25 Nov St. P's. (AWD/HM) Daniel 7:9-10,13-14. & John 18:33-37.

St. A's (HS) Psalm 93

DIARY DATES

Mon 12 Nov GROW Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Harrison Room.

Sun 18 Nov at 3pm 'Songs of Praise'. Carol singing at St. Andrew's. We will be raising the roof with some carols that don't normally get a chance to be sung, and hearing about their background, led by Heather and David. Refreshments follow. Please come along!

Mon 19 Nov Espresso Church at 6.45 at Costa Coffee Fairfield Rd with talk about Night Shelters from Jean Dyson and Von Earp;

SHOW Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Harrison Room.

The **Parish Christmas Fair** is on **Saturday, 24 November 2018** at St. Paul's Church from 11-1 pm. We welcome donations for stalls and offers of help for setting out (Fri 23 Nov pm) and clearing away. Donations for tombola and raffle prizes, toys, children's clothes, fancy goods, jewellery, handbags, games etc. welcome at any time. Please- no books this year. Keep the date free and tell your friends!

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Mon 26 Nov KNOW Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Mon 26 Nov 7.30pm at St. Paul's. 'Understanding Climate Change' a talk hosted by Friends of Kersal Moor. All welcome to hear about this important topic.

18 to 20 January 2019, First Friday Men's Group Away Weekend at Thornleigh Christian Hotel, 256 The Esplanade, Grange-over-sands, Cumbria LA 7HH. We extend a warm welcome to all men to join us for a time-out weekend of relaxation, fellowship, sharing and learning (and good food), led by Pastor Eddy Inglis, an excellent and popular speaker. The cost is £136 per person – all rooms are en-suite.

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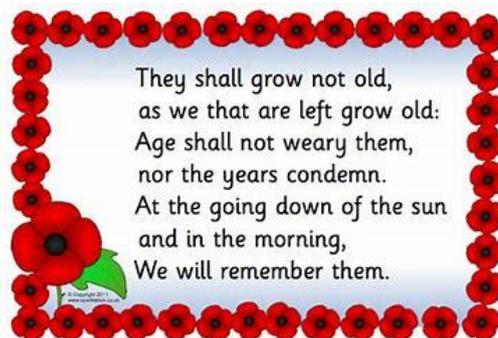
St Andrew's Wednesday 2pm Fellowship
Reverend Lee will be bringing Holy Communion on **Wednesday 12 December**, and we will be singing some carols and sharing simple refreshments. After 12 December we close until Wednesday 6 February 2019. Do come along on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm if you would like to join us for a short time of prayer followed by tea and biscuits.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

Flourish 2019: 'Rhythms of Life' Friday & Saturday 24/25 May 2019 at St Paul's. Excellent teaching, fellowship and contemporary worship. More details to follow, but a date for your new diaries!

Please pray for Revd Lee's wife, Revd Sally, who is being ordained priest on Nov 18th and will celebrate her first Communion service on Nov 25th, with Revd Lee proudly looking on!

Shoe Box Appeal: A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our shoe box appeal. Your generosity was amazing! People filled shoe boxes, gave items to go in the boxes and donated money. We were able to send 111 boxes. Special thanks to the Guides and Brownies for filling 24 boxes and to all who came along to fill and wrap boxes. Eileen & Chris



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