



Collect Remembrance Sunday

O God, whose will it is to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 70 Easy-to-Read Version A song of David to help people remember.

Please, God, rescue me! LORD, hurry and help me! People are trying to kill me. Please disappoint them. Humiliate them! They want to hurt me. Make them run away in shame. May those who make fun of me be too embarrassed to speak. But may those who come to you be happy and rejoice. May those who love being saved by you always be able to say, "Praise God!" I am only a poor, helpless man. God, please hurry to me. You are my helper, the one who can save me. LORD, don't be too late!

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

But listen, I tell you this secret: We will not all die, but we will all be changed. It will only take the time of a second. We will be changed as quickly as an eye blinks. This will happen when the last trumpet blows. The trumpet will blow and those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we will all be changed. This body that ruins must clothe itself with something that will never ruin. And this body that dies must clothe itself with something that will never die. So this body that ruins will clothe itself with that which never ruins. And this body that dies will clothe itself with that which never dies. When this happens, the Scriptures will be made true: "Death is swallowed in victory." "O death, where is your victory? Where is your power to hurt?" Death's power to hurt is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But we thank God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

John 6:37-40

The Father gives me my people. Every one of them will come to me. I will always accept them. I came down from heaven to do what God wants, not what I want. I must not lose anyone God has given me. But I must raise them up on the last day. This is what the one who sent me wants me to do. Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him has eternal life. I will raise them up on the last day. This is what my Father wants."

Remembrance Sunday 2020 Al Christie's reflections

Although I have been retired from teaching for nine years, I still run into former pupils, most of whom I recognise and all who want to stop and chat. Of course, I always ask how they are getting on and what they are doing as it is nice to hear that most of them are doing well.

A while ago I bumped into Callum with his wife and two daughters. Callum was one of my prized gymnasts who would always be first to volunteer to try a complicated new skill. He was fearless and this, added to his ability to master the most intricate of gymnastic movements meant that he scored the top mark in his year. The really nice thing about Callum was that he always made himself available to help others in the class. Teaching gymnastics is the hardest subject in the P.E. curriculum as you cannot be in two places at once and there are always students looking for help. Callum was quick to recognise this and was always on hand.

When he left, he joined the Marines and quickly moved up through the ranks. When he was home on leave, he always came in to see me and I am sure he told me more than he should have about his exploits and where he had been in the world. Some of the tales made the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end as I knew that Callum would be understating the dangers he would have faced.

He came in to school to see me the week before I retired and we sat down to chat over a cup of tea. He proudly informed me that he was now a Royal Marine Commando and had just returned from Afghanistan where he had been asked to work as a member of an elite force. In answer to my question "was it dangerous", he replied "I'll let you make your own mind up" Apparently he and a fellow Commando crept out under the cover of darkness, dug a fox hole and during the hours of daylight spied on the Taliban. They then communicated with the main force and gave them the Taliban position. Aircraft then came in and bombed the enemy using specialised bombs. As night fell the two Commandos made it back to their own lines. I asked what would have happened had they been discovered and Callum merely faced his palms upwards and shrugged his shoulders.

It made me quite sad and indeed angry at the time to think that young men like Callum were being asked to risk their lives in a foreign country to fight an enemy most of us would never encounter. Of course, I was wrong as there is nowhere in the world which is not touched by terrorism and Callum and his colleagues were doing their bit to help keep us all safe.

My wife, Mary, recently cut a poem out of the paper called "Why do you wear a poppy Beth?" and I would like to share part of it with you.

When people see your poppy Beth, they'll see how proud you are ,to remember all those fighting for our country near and far. I am only 10 years old but it's important that I know they were fighting for our freedom, in the wars so long ago.

It is because of those still fighting in wars across the world, that I can sleep safely in my bed free from any cares. Lots of these still fighting to keep our country free are brave mums and dads of children, just like me

It's why it's so important whilst they are fighting hard to look after all the children to keep them safe from harm. Because children are the future of the country in which we live, the very country that our forces are fighting to protect.

So when I wear my poppy so proudly on my chest, it's there to show our forces really are the best

I am sure that you will be able to get the whole poem on line It's worth a read. We keep it pinned on the notice board in the kitchen and it reminds me how lucky we are to have young men and women in our armed forces to help keep us safe. As we remember all those who gave their lives in wars all over the world, we also must remember those still fighting to keep us safe and as we observe our silence on this special Sunday let's say a quiet prayer for youngsters like Callum.

Intercessions for Remembrance Sunday



Loving God, we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for your world, of which your Son is King. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the places of war, hatred and terrorism. We pray that the nations of this world may be united and subject to the rule of Christ the King, through whom and for whom all things were created

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, at home and abroad. Defend all who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety and give them the courage to face the perils of active service. Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger: surround them with your love, protect them from all harm and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for medics and chaplains, and all who support the suffering: give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience to minister to the sick and wounded and to all prisoners and captives. We especially pray for all who returned from the field of combat with injuries both physical and mental which have ruined their young lives and for the charities and organisations which support them in their convalescence.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those fallen in battle who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and in defence of peace and justice. We remember too all civilians and non-combatants who died in the fighting: surround all who are bereaved with compassion, and give them a patient faith in their suffering.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God, wash away the wounds of war, violence, and hatred, help us to recognise how blessed Jesus named the peacemakers and to know that if we really wish for a peaceful world we should honestly pray – “Let it begin with me.”

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

They shall grow not 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.



As part of the ongoing response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) will be broadcasting video coverage of Eucharistic services via its website, social media channels and YouTube channel. The web page is located at www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship



For those who are not online the Archbishop of Canterbury has set up a Freephone Daily Hope service of hymns, prayers and readings. It is available 24 hours a day on 0800 8048044

Join Pip this week at Holy Trinity at <https://www.holytrinitymelrose.org/> and click on the link - Holy Trinity YouTube channel. 11.00am <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJkxEgnglnze4SeN4I54Ecw>

St John's Selkirk now has their weekly Sunday services on their YouTube channel, with several (different) familiar voices each week, music, inspirational quotes and images at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9ITNAH6VHZkqM0NiH6Vt9w> available from 10am each Sunday morning..



11am to 11:30 every Wednesday morning.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979280424?pwd=UEJzRXk0UFpVcnJuaUVZTzJvaE92UT09>

Meeting ID: 879 7928 0424 Password: 023545 Host: Tim Hatton

Bible Studies hosted on Zoom - all are welcome. Wednesday 7:30pm & Thursday 10:30am hosted by



John Marsden

Follow this link

: <https://zoom.us/j/7538094986?pwd=Q0x4YVvk2b3Y5eEt0VkoXS0ZWVWxGUT09>

or use this information to open a Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 753 809 4986 Password: 751474



Home Communion is only available to those people can't come out or get to church for self isolation reasons. Please book through Sheena then Simon will contact to arrange a time.

Reserved Sacrament is still suspended until further notice due to corona virus restrictions.

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT

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Opening for communal worship from September.



St John's still has no date for getting back to using the church.

St Peter's 10.30am services on 1st and 4th Sundays will be Communion with Simon or other clergy. 2nd & 3rd Sundays will be Service of the Word. Thursday mornings will be a Said Communion service.

St Cuthbert's 10.30am services on 2nd & 3rd Sundays will be Communion, 1st & 4th Sundays Service of the Word. Wednesdays at 11.00am will be Said Holy Communion. Please remember to bring a face covering to wear unless you have health issues and the service booklet and newsletter which contains the readings etc for the week.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR THE SERVICE AT EITHER ST CUTHBERT'S OR ST PETER'S PLEASE BE READY TO FILL IN THE FORM FOR GOVERNMENT TRACK AND PROTECT. YOU NO LONGER NEED TO LET SHEENA KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

Spiritual Communion

Here is a prayer that can be used at 10.30 on Sundays when Simon will be celebrating the Eucharist

For an Act of spiritual Communion, the following prayer -

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Open Invitation from the Church of Scotland This year's Denis Duncan Lecture is on the evening of Monday 16th November, from 7pm – 9pm. This free event is online and the speaker will be Ruth Harvey, Leader of the Iona Community. The title for the lecture is "Where healing and reconciliation meet". You will also hear from Gillian Straine, Director of the Guild of Health & St. Raphael, as she shares about their new initiative "Healthy Healing Hubs". The Moderator of the General

Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Martin Fair, will form part of the panel to answer any questions following the lecture. More info and a registration form can be found on: <https://denis-duncan-lecture-2020.eventbrite.co.uk/>

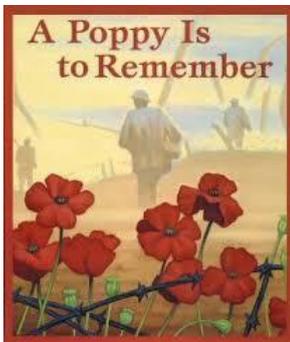
I have recently read "The Great Silence" by Juliet Nicholson. It is about the period between the Armistice in 1918 and the burial of the Unknown Soldier on 11th November 1920. I have done a wee bit of research about this occasion. I hadn't known that the unveiling of the Cenotaph happened on the same day nor did I know about the huge crowds who lined the route in complete silence as the gun carriage made its way to Westminster Abbey. The soldier might have been one of their own.



On the morning of 11th November 1920 the coffin was placed, by the bearer party from the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards, on a gun carriage drawn by six black horses of the Royal Horse Artillery. Its first stop in Whitehall where the Cenotaph was unveiled by King George V. The King



placed his wreath of red roses and bay leaves on the coffin. His card read "In proud memory of those Warriors who died unknown in the Great War. Unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and behold they live. George R.I. November 11th 1920". Then the carriage made its way to the north door of Westminster Abbey. The coffin was borne to the west end of the nave through the congregation of around 1,000 mourners including 100 widows and mothers who had lost all of their sons and a guard of honour of 100 holders of the Victoria Cross (from all three services).



During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. © IWM (Q 1558)

There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

In the Spring of 1915

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

The spread of the poppy as a symbol

The poem inspired Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance

Also involved with those efforts was a French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921 where she planned to sell the poppies in London.

There she met Earl Haig, founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as an emblem for the Legion in the UK. The Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year.

The demand for poppies in England continued unabated and was so high, in fact, that few poppies actually managed to reach Scotland. To address this and meet growing demand, Earl Haig's wife Dorothy established the 'Lady Haig Poppy Factory' in Edinburgh in 1926 to produce poppies exclusively for Scotland.

Today, over five million Scottish poppies (which have four petals and no leaf unlike poppies in the rest of the UK) are still made by hand by disabled ex-Servicemen at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory each year and distributed by our sister charity [Poppyscotland](http://www.poppyscotland.org).



Lest We Forget



With restriction affecting sales of poppies this year why don't you go online to the Poppy Scotland website and buy something from them.

Also put a poppy in your window – I have attached one to the owl in my window (didn't have a small bear!)

In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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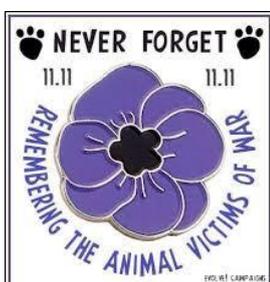
There is another memorial in London that you may not know about.
It is dedicated to the thousands of animals and birds that were used in wars.



Cats were kept on ships as they protected the food supplies from rats.

My Grandfather served in the Royal Field Artillery during the First World War where they were mounted on horses and the gun carriages were pulled by horses. Ammunition and other supplies were carried by mules. Camels were used in the desert.

In the second World War my father who was a pilot in the Royal Air Force always flew with a homing pigeon which would be released if the plane came down. Dad had to release his with a message giving his location when he had to land in the sea north of Ireland. It helped searchers locate the crew in their liferaft.



Dogs and even rats are still used today to find both people and land mines.

There is a purple poppy to remember the animals.