



Remembrance and reflection

Marking the centenary of the Armistice

Sunday 11 November 2018 will be a day for reflection, remembrance and gratitude for the peace which we enjoy in Europe. One hundred years later, our emotional responses to the 1914-18 war remain strong. There is relief that the war finally ended, but the stronger emotion is sadness and frustration at the waste of life on all sides. The “Great War” claimed the lives of 17 million people worldwide. It was not, as many had hoped, the “war to end all wars.” Twenty-one years later, Europe would again be at war, in a struggle which would result in the loss of even more lives – between 50 and 80 million. Since then there have been multiple wars, though not in Europe.

At 12:30pm on Remembrance Sunday church bells will ring throughout the United Kingdom, and those who put time, energy and money into the bell restoration project should be proud that the Christ Church bells, which were rung for Armistice Day in 1918, can ring again 100 years later. As they ring there will be an opportunity to spend time in Christ Church reflecting on peace and war, perhaps using the prayer stations Sarah Jones is preparing and listening to music and poetry before we share soup and memories over a frugal lunch. It may not even be necessary to say very much. Eating together is a powerful symbol, and we will do it grateful that we are alive and mindful of all those past and present who have experienced war and

its consequences, whether as combatant, innocent bystander, conscientious objector, or relative of a victim of war.

One of the poems we will hear on Remembrance Sunday was written by a British Army officer, Captain Charles Hamilton Sorley, who was killed in action during the Battle of Loos in October 1915. The second stanza of his sonnet “To Germany” speaks to us across 100 years:

*When it is peace, then we may view again
With new-won eyes each other's truer form
And wonder. Grown more loving-kind and warm
We'll grasp firm hands and laugh at the old pain,
When it is peace. But until peace, the storm,
The darkness and the thunder and the rain.*



Churches around the country have been hosting installations of perspex figures representing members of their congregations lost in wars, particularly the Great War. “There But Not There” is the 2018 Armistice project for the charity Remembered – details at www.therebutnotthere.org.uk



The Church of England has announced its 2018 Advent and Christmas campaign, #FollowTheStar. Its main aim is to encourage people into a local church service or event to share in the joy of Jesus' birth.

A booklet is available to buy from Church House Publishing, titled #FollowTheStar: A Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas. It contains 14 daily reflections, one for each day from Christmas Eve throughout the 12 days of Christmas, ending with the Epiphany on 6th January. You can order copies individually or in bulk, and view sample pages, at www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star

From late November, you can sign up to receive the daily reflections by e-mail and through an Android or iOS app.

Churches are also being encouraged to publicise their seasonal services through the church-finder website A Church Near You (www.achurchnearyou.com) and to use the #FollowTheStar visuals on their own sites and publicity materials.

Holy Land Trip 2019

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

We have been able to arrange our own Christ Church Holy Land trip for 2019, a pilgrimage through Israel and Palestine led by David Gatcliffe (retired Anglican priest) and Lore. We will visit Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, Hebron and Jerusalem. There will be an optional trip to Masada and the chance to extend the trip to include Jordan.

Dates: 30 May to 7 June 2019

Cost: £1,785.00 per person in a double or twin room (not including Masada visit or Jordan extension). There is a single supplement.

Booking forms and additional information available in church.

Deposit (£250) required by Christmas.

Coming events

Prayer for Bath

What is it? A free event organised by BathCAN, an opportunity for local churches to gather together to pray for the city and surrounding area. Followed by hot punch.

When is it? Tuesday 6 November, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Interfaith Week 2018

What is it? A week to celebrate all we do with those of other faiths throughout the year. See general information and details of events at www.interfaithweek.org

When is it? Sunday 11 – Sunday 18 November

Armistice Centenary Concert

What is it? A commemorative concert with Jonathan Dove's "For an Unknown Soldier" and Fauré's Requiem. With Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society, Choristers of Wells Cathedral Choir, and the London Mozart Players, Matthew Owens (conductor).

When is it? Saturday 10 November, 7pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

Tickets £12 – £28 from wcos.org.uk, Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office, and at the door.

Remembrance: Rutter Requiem

What is it? The annual act of remembrance at Wells Cathedral, this year with John Rutter's Requiem, within a devotional service, interspersed with War Poetry. With Wells Cathedral School Sinfonietta, Wells Cathedral Choir, Jeremy Cole (organ) and Matthew Owens.

When is it? Sunday 11 November, 3pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

Admission free; retiring collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral Music.

Life Project benefit concert

What is it? A benefit concert for the Life Project (www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk) by composer and performer Adrian Snell, a music therapist for children and adults with learning disabilities.

When is it? Saturday 24 November, 7:30pm

Where? St Michael Without, Broad Street

Tickets £10 from Bath Box Office.

Interfaith peace conversations

On Wednesday 14 November there is an Interfaith Week talk in the Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BX, starting at 7:15pm (doors open 6:30pm).

Three distinguished speakers will unfold in conversation an understanding of peace held at the centre of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. They will bring their own traditions, belief and understanding of peace as part of their understanding of God and how that challenges the believer to live in reflection of that belief. As part of the evening's conversation all three speakers will address something on the issue of peace in the Holy Land.

The speakers are:

- Professor Sajjad Rizvi, University of Exeter, a Muslim and a specialist in Islamic philosophy and interfaith dialogue;
- Dr Alexander Goldberg, barrister, an international advisor on intercultural, interfaith and community relations. Served as Chief Executive of the London Jewish Forum;
- Jacob Fareed Imam, a Christian, was Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford researching the Quran's use of Biblical materials and a researcher for Oxford's Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies. Currently undertaking a doctorate at Oxford investigating the Islamic roots of the Protestant Reformation.

The chair is Professor Gavin D'Costa and there will be opportunity for questions.

USPG Regional Day

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

On Friday 9 November, we are delighted that USPG are coming to Christ Church for one of their Regional Days, events held around the country to promote their work. The event runs from 11:30am to 4pm, with refreshments and lunch provided.

This is a USPG-organised even but it would be great if, as the hosting church, we could be there too to welcome all comers. Please speak to me if you can help.

Bishop's portrait

A striking portrait of Rt Revd Peter Hancock, the current Bishop of Bath and Wells, is now on display at the Bishop's Palace in Wells.

The portrait was painted by local artist Richard Shepherd and continues a tradition dating back to the 15th century, when the oldest portrait in the collection at the Bishop's Palace, that of Bishop Fox, was painted.

Richard Shepherd previously painted Bishop Peter Maurice, the former Bishop of Taunton, but this is his first official portrait, and his first on this scale: it is 1.65x1m.

The portrait took over 1,000 hours to complete. Richard says one of the toughest areas was to recreate the fabric of the Coronation Cope, which Bishop Peter is wearing in the portrait. The cope is a historic piece from collection at the Bishop's Palace and was commissioned for Bishop Kennion to wear at the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902. From the coronation of Richard I in 1189, the Bishops of Bath and Wells have supported each monarch at their coronation. The cope was last worn in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It is made of silk and is ornately embroidered with gold and silver thread. "I wanted the painting to be extremely lifelike, so the viewer feels they can almost touch the fabric," says Richard.

The diocese was founded in 909AD and Bishop Peter became the 79th Bishop of Bath and Wells in 2014.



Bishop Peter with the new portrait, joining historic portraits on display at the Bishop's Palace in Wells.

Genesis at Xmas market Exploring Christianity

Genesis Trust Bath will be holding a stall at this year's Bath Christmas Market on Thursday 29 November on Milsom Street. Lots of festive gifts will be on offer, including Genesis branded Ecoffee cups, Limelight candles and Life Skills artwork. All profits will directly support homeless and vulnerable people in Bath this winter. For more information, visit www.genestrust.org.uk



Genesis branded Ecoffee cups will be available from the Genesis stall at the Christmas Market.

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

In 2019 Lore will be co-leading an "Exploring Christianity" course. Some will know the course because Canon Angela and Philip Hawthorne led the course several years ago. It comprises six sessions over two years and is intended to encourage deeper thinking and questioning about faith. It is possible to sign up for the whole two years or just for one or more modules. There is an opportunity but no compulsion to undertake written assignments. The six core modules are:

- Spirituality and prayer
- Exploring the New Testament
- Questions of Faith
- Reshaping the church
- Exploring the Old Testament
- Challenging Choices (ethics)

Each module is ten sessions, lasts about a term and costs £45.00. Bursaries are available.

The first module will be "Spirituality and Prayer" starting on Monday 21 January 2019 and continuing every Monday evening until 8 April. All sessions will start at 7:30pm. Places are limited to 12. If you would like to take part, please let Lore know.

Christmas comes earlier this year

Sylvia Ayers writes for Christ Church Mothers' Union:

Although it still seems early for this, I will shortly be offering our usual Mothers' Union Christmas Goodies, so please feel free to see me if you would like to purchase any items. We have 2019 MU Diaries, single sheet calendars, and year planners which are suitable for families who all have different activities which must be fitted in on the same day! Of course there will be the usual selection of Christmas cards, which are offered in packs of ten. Unfortunately there are no printed catalogues available, but you can view the catalogue on the internet at <http://bit.ly/mu-2018-catalogue> and do feel free to place your orders soon with payment.

Governors wanted

Could you be a school governor? Over half of all the church schools in Somerset – that's 98 out of 182 schools – are seeking school governors to work as part of the team responsible for the strategic leadership and running of the school.

Church school governors come from all walks of life. They bring different skills to help children and communities thrive, and develop more along the way.

The diocese's #beagovernor campaign aims to raise awareness of the role and the opportunities across Somerset. It features personal experiences of current governors who share what they get out of the role. View the videos at www.bathandwells.org.uk/2018/09/could-you-be-a-school-governor. The closing date for applications is 31 December.

Bishop's Message for November

Somerset remembers



**From the Rt Revd Peter Hancock,
Bishop of Bath and Wells**

Over this last year I have been hearing about the different ways our communities have been coming together to mark the 100-year anniversary of Armistice. Remembrance Sunday is always a poignant time and it will have a particular resonance this year as Remembrance Sunday falls on the centenary of Armistice Day, 11 November 1918.

We will remember them. We must not forget. As Bishop Tim Thornton says in the special Remembrance issue of our diocesan Manna magazine, "Remembering does not mean going through an intellectual exercise. It means doing everything we possibly can to bring back into the reality of today the horrors of the past so that we do not make the same mistakes again."

I've been moved to hear the stories of how our church communities have used this landmark as an opportunity to

research their own Tommies, to rededicate memorials, make spectacular poppy displays or install the Perspex Tommies of the charity Remembered. And how communities have really come together across the generations through these acts, large and small.

Wells Cathedral's Book of Remembrance contains around 11,300 names. These are the people from Somerset and beyond, listed by community, who gave their lives in the service of their country.

We will remember them.

+Peter Bath and Wells

There but not there



Milton Abbey in Devon is one of only four venues in the South West to have installed six-foot-high Tommies as part of the "There But Not There" project created by the charity Remembered (see page 1). Four of the silhouettes, designed by artist Michael Barraud, stand in the north transept of the Abbey around the ornate Damer Memorial, particularly fitting since one pays tribute to a soldier from the Damer family who died in the First World War.

Advent lunches with St Mary's

Once again this year we are holding joint lunches in Advent with our neighbours at St Mary's Roman Catholic church. The idea is to build ecumenical links and raise money for those in need. Everyone is very welcome:

- Tuesday 4 December, St Mary's Parish Centre (behind the church, off the car park, entrance from Burlington Street)
- Tuesday 11 December, Christ Church Lower Mews

Meet at midday; the meals consist of home-made soup and bread, followed by home-made puddings. Donations are made at the end of the meal, and are split 50/50 between the two churches for their chosen charities.

If you can help by providing a pudding on Tuesday 11th, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Help with serving food etc would be very welcome – please speak to Angela Soboslay.

This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 11 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will once again go to USPG's Community Development project in Malawi. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

This month we are again supporting USPG and its Malawi project as our charity of the month. I've been looking up some statistics about the country – it's comparable in size to England (slightly smaller), but one third of the country is taken up by Lake Malawi, which contains more different kinds of fish than any other lake. The population of Malawi, though, is only about a quarter that of England. One of the issues that USPG is focussing on is management of the environment – an issue about which we're

all becoming increasingly aware. It's a major problem in Malawi. Most households use wood for fuel, and as a result, Malawi has one of the highest rates of annual deforestation in Africa. This leads to soil erosion and the silting of rivers, which in turn contributes to widespread flooding.

In addition, as people largely use traditional farming practices, nutrients in the soil are being depleted and not restored. Then there's unsafe disposal of sewage due to a lack of toilets, which leads to poor sanitation and the prevalence of waterborne diseases. There is also unsafe disposal of plastic bags and other hazardous waste products.

In response, the church is working with partners to:

- Raise awareness of issues relating to environmental degradation;
- Promote reforestation and forest management skills;
- Provide training in sustainable farming practices;
- Protect water sources and river bank management;
- Establish village committees to manage natural resources;
- Promote the use of fuel-efficient stoves;
- Promote better waste management;
- Promote bee-keeping initiatives.

More details about the project, the issues it seeks to address, and what it is doing about them, at www.uspg.org.uk/worldwide/malawi



Christ Church calendar Nov. 2018

1 Thu *All Saints*
11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm

2 Fri *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
6:30pm Holy Communion

4 Sun *All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent*

7 Wed *220th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church*

8 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

9 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
USPG Regional Day 11:30am–4pm

11 Sun *Remembrance Sunday / The Third Sunday before Advent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

15 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm

16 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

18 Sun *The Second Sunday before Advent*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

20 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

22 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

23 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

25 Sun *Christ the King (patronal festival) / Last Sunday before Advent*

29 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm

30 Fri *Andrew the Apostle*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

Dec 2 Sun *Advent Sunday*

Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the "Magazine Editor" pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to magazine@christchurchbath.org. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for November 2018

Thursday	1	For farmers
Friday	2	For those who mourn
Saturday	3	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Sunday	4	For Lewis and Janet our Churchwardens
Monday	5	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	6	For our plans for the church building
Wednesday	7	For good relationships between different faiths
Thursday	8	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Friday	9	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	10	For our own personal witness
Sunday	11	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	12	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	13	For the ministry of Genesis
Wednesday	14	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
Thursday	15	For all in hospital
Friday	16	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
Saturday	17	For the emergency services
Sunday	18	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Monday	19	For the Queen and all heads of state
Tuesday	20	For all who face tragedy
Wednesday	21	For Angela our Verger
Thursday	22	For children and their families
Friday	23	For those finding it hard to earn a living

Saturday	24	That we may be stewards of creation
Sunday	25	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	26	For those who work in the transport industry
Tuesday	27	For those on our church rotas
Wednesday	28	For countries with economic problems
Thursday	29	That we may have the gift of faithfulness
Friday	30	For those who are unable to keep warm

Long-term Prayer List

Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...

David Slater
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Katharine
 Harry Pattullo
 Joyce Fairburn
 David Jones
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 George Alagiah
 Marge Gull
 Pauline Cawadine
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King
 Zoyad
 Joe Street
 Eileen Selmes

Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.

Other LMG services

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

Sundays

- 9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's
- 10:45am Choral Communion or informal communion, St Stephen's Lansdown
- 4pm Scruffy Church (4th Sunday of the month), St Stephen's
- 5:30pm Re:Fresh contemporary worship (1st & 3rd Sunday), St Stephen's Centre
- 6:30pm Evensong (BCP), Charlcombe St Mary's – 3rd Sunday of the month

Morning Prayer

- Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
- Tuesday 9am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Rotas for November 2018

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 Nov All Saints	Zoe Bushell Isaiah 25:6-9	Charles Rice Revelation 21:1-6a	Penny Edwards John 11:32-44
11 Nov Remem- brance	Daphne Radenurst Jonah 3:1-5,10	Georgina Bowman Hebrews 9:24-end	Jonathan Stead Mark 1:14-20
18 Nov 2nd before Advent	Clive Tilling Daniel 12:1-3	Jane Fletcher Hebrews 10:11-14, [15-18], 19-25	Lewis Boyd Mark 13:1-8
25 Nov Christ the King	Isaac Elliott Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Morny Davison Revelation 1:4b-8	Sylvia Ayers John 18:33-37
2 Dec Advent	Rebekah Cunningham Jeremiah 33:14-16	Judith Anderson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end	Nick Wells Luke 21:25-36

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
4 Nov	Jonathan Stead, Malcolm Wall	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Mark Elliott
11 Nov	David Rawlings, Clive Tilling	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Sarah Jones
18 Nov	Brenda Wall, Janet Mahto	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Penny Edwards
25 Nov	Keri Chivers, Clive Tilling	Jonathan Stead, Margaret Silver	Georgina Bowman
2 Dec	David Rawlings, Brenda Wall	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Rebekah Cunningham

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on Sunday and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir; new singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Pilgrim Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

Regular Sunday services

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

On the second Sunday of every month

10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people

Every Sunday

4:30pm Choral Evensong

Usually on the third Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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