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FROM OUR MINISTER



DEAR FRIENDS,

Each year, on 11th November, the country falls silent to commemorate our war dead.

This year marks the centenary of the end of World War 1. On that day we, as a congregation will with countless others reflect on the lives that were irrevocably changed as a result of those that were lost. The figures are staggering. Some 65 million men were mobilised during World War 1; nearly a third of them, some 21 million were wounded; another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken as prisoners of war. They had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of the 1914-1918 conflict. It was said to be the war to end all wars yet in 1939 World War II broke out. Whilst the number of dead and wounded was not to the same extent as that of World War 1 nevertheless it brought much heartbreak, pain and suffering to many families. This year gives us the opportunity to remember their great sacrifice and to pray and work for peace for all humankind. I don't think that those who served saw anything glorious in war but defended their country so that we might live in peace and harmony with one other. When we celebrate Remembrance Day; in churches and cenotaphs and war memorials across our land, we must never forget those that gave their lives for us. The price they paid was steep. In Churchill's finely tuned words it was "paid in blood, sweat and tears". Never forget that, 'they gave their today for our tomorrow'. Thankfully there have been no further wars on such a scale, but there are other wars being fought throughout the world. Our prayers must be for such troubled lands where there is still the roar of guns and the blast of bombs and where innocent people are the victims of man's inhumanity to man. Someone once asked 'How long must we keep up this Remembrance Day stuff? The answer was given 'As long as those men and women in their war graves stay dead and I'm free because of it'. Whenever I think of Remembrance Sunday the words of Jesus come back to me 'Greater love has no one that this, that someone lays down his love for his friends'. Christ's sacrifice was on our behalf. He did not want to die on the cross. We recall his prayer 'Father, if it be possible please remove this cup of suffering from me'. Yet there was no other way to bring us freedom from sin and death than by his supreme sacrifice on Calvary's hill. I am sure that Jesus longs for us to live in peace and harmony with God and our fellow men and women. Let me suggest to you that we make it our resolve to honour all this who gave their lives for us, that

we continue to strive, work and pray for the world that God desires us to have. Until that day let us fight the good fight. Let us not forget all that has been done to ensure our freedom; whether it was on the cross or from those crosses in war graves in various lands that serve as a reminder of those who gave their lives for us.

Every blessing,

ALEX

SERVICES



4th November 10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

11th November 10:30am **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

18th November 10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

25th November 10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

2nd December 10:30am

Sacrament of **HOLY COMMUNION** at Craigmillar Park Church

Special mention: We will be joining the congregation of Craigmillar Park for the Communion service. This service will be conducted by the Rev Alex Douglas, with the Rev Betty Smith preaching the sermon and celebrating Communion.

DEATHS

3rd October, Mr **William (Bill) Noble**, Latterly St. Raphael's NH (D26)

13th October, Mrs **June McIntosh**, West Savile Terrace (D1)

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE **THURSDAY CLUB** will be on 1st November at 2:30pm; Bob McIntosh will be talking on 'Scottish Lighthouses'. Check out our series of interesting talks and come along for a friendly informal gathering, followed by a cup of tea, biscuit and chat. We meet fortnightly in the Small Hall at 2.30pm. Our subscription is £6 annually plus 50p per meeting for members, non-members £1 per meeting. **ALISON MACLEOD**, SECRETARY, 0131 667 6786

ALL IN THE MONTH OF **NOVEMBER**

300 YEARS AGO, on 3rd Nov 1718 that John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, was born. He may have been Postmaster General and First Lord of the Admiralty, but we remember him today as the inventor of the sandwich, which he ordered from his chef to sustain him at the gambling table.

150 YEARS AGO, on 13th Nov 1868 that Gioachino Rossini, major Italian composer, died. Best known for his operas, including The Barber of Seville.

100 YEARS AGO, on 4th Nov 1918 that Wilfred Owen, British poet and soldier, was killed. One of the leading poets of WW1, he was noted for his shocking realistic poetry about the horrors of trench warfare. Killed in action a week before the war ended, aged 25.

Also **100 YEARS AGO**, on 11th Nov 1918 that Armistice Day saw the end of World War 1.

90 YEARS AGO, on 18th Nov 1928 that Walt Disney released 'Steamboat Willie', the first Disney cartoon with fully synchronised sound, which saw the debut of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse.

75 YEARS AGO, from 28th Nov - 1st Dec 1943 that WW2's Tehran Conference took place. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, beginning in June 1944.

70 YEARS AGO, on 14th Nov 1948 that Charles, Prince of Wales, was born.

50 YEARS AGO, on 28th Nov 1968, that Enid Blyton, British children's writer, died. One of the most successful children's writers of the 20th century, she wrote more than 762 books. Best known for Noddy and the Famous Five series.

25 YEARS AGO, on 1st Nov 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union.

20 YEARS AGO, on 24th Nov 1998 that the British Government unveiled plans to abolish the rights of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

10 YEARS AGO, on 4th Nov 2008 that Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States.

BOOK REVIEW **LOVE THE WORLD**

by David Adam, SPCK, £9.99



Writing from lived experience as much as knowledge, David Adam conveys a delight in the mystery of being that is deeply attractive.

Love the World opens by looking at the beginning of the universe, then moves on to the earth's atmosphere, the miracle of water and things that we often take for granted but are essential for our health and happiness. It focuses on our relationship with the world and encourages us to reflect on what really matters: 'In our most fragile moments we know that we are of dust and to dust we shall return, but in our depths, we know there is more. We are not created out of nothing but out of love. The very source of your being is love.'

The Revd Canon David Adam is one of the best-loved figures in Celtic spirituality. The author of many successful books, he was for 13 years Vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

CAN'T SCARE ME

My wife and I were watching the gorillas at the zoo when several of them charged at the enclosure fence, yelling terribly, rolling their eyes around, and clenching their fists. They looked quite terrifying. The crowd scattered except for one frail, elderly man, who did not bat an eye. Later, my wife asked him how he had kept his composure. 'Oh, easy,' he said cheerfully. 'You see, I used to run the youth group at my church.'

COFFEE ROTA FOR 2019



As you all know coffee after the service is much appreciated by many of us but we do need some more people to volunteer to be helpers and ideally some to become a team leader. I do worry about people who are on duty in their own right and then cover several other dates as members of Committees. Please if you are not already on a team get in touch to offer your services! All new people will be very welcome! Thank you to those who faithfully do coffee so regularly!

ANNE BLACK

THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for -
But everything that I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.*

[Editor: This is the month we remember soldiers and war. So here is a prayer written by an anonymous Confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he says applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.]

30th NOVEMBER
**SAINT
ANDREW**

While Scots are celebrating their patron saint on November 30th, here are some facts you may not have known about him.

NOT JUST THE PATRON OF SCOTLAND

The saint also lends his support to Greece, Russia, Amalfi in Italy, and Barbados. Like many other saints, he is also a patron of specialised areas including singers, spinsters and maidens and fishmongers. Saint Andrew is also the patron saint of the Order of the Thistle, one of the highest ranks of chivalry in the world, second only to the Order of the Garter.

FIRST DISCIPLE

Andrew was a fisherman, along with his brother Simon Peter. He is considered the first apostle of Jesus Christ, being baptised by John the Baptist. His name means 'strong'.

HIS DEATH WAS GRUESOME

After Jesus was crucified, it is believed that Andrew went to Greece to spread the word. When he was captured and crucified, Andrew was tied to his cross, in an 'x' shape instead of the regular cross, and left to die. He would still preach the word of Christ up until his death, where it is reported he slowly went insane on his cross.

ST ANDREW'S BROTHER WAS ST PETER

Being the brother of St Peter had its perks. As the founder of the Catholic Church, Scottish people petitioned the Pope in 1320 to help protect them against the English Kings' attempt to take control of the nation. Having St Andrew as their patron went a long way with the Pope, who agreed to help.



HE WAS NEVER IN SCOTLAND - ALIVE

Born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, which is now modern day Israel. His remains were moved 300 years after his death to Constantinople, now Istanbul, by the Emperor Constantine. While he was generally favoured in Scotland from around 1,000 AD, he didn't become its official patron saint until the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320.

SAINT ANDREW IS BURIED IN ITALY

The remains of the saint are at rest in Amalfi, Italy, where they have lain since 1210, when they were stolen from Constantinople, their original resting place.

SOME OF HIS REMAINS WERE IN ST ANDREWS

Relics of Saint Andrew, including a tooth, kneecap, arm and finger bone, meant the town of St Andrews became a popular medieval pilgrimage site up until the 16th century, when all catholic relics were destroyed in the Scottish Reformation. In 1870, the Archbishop of Amalfi sent an apparent piece of the saint's shoulder blade to Scotland, where it has since been stored in St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

ST ANDREWS HAS NO APOSTROPHE

While the Fife town was named after its patron saint, the town name has no apostrophes because they weren't yet invented in the English language.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH



DATE

4th NOV

11th NOV

18th NOV

25th NOV

2nd DEC

9th DEC

16th DEC

23rd DEC

30th DEC

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Christmas arrangement

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DIARY OF A MOMENTOUS YEAR

NOVEMBER 1918 - WHEN THE BOYS CAME HOME

By autumn 1918 it was obvious that the war was coming to an end, Germany was clearly beaten, but no one had actually won. The front line was more or less as it had been for years, but after Amiens the Germans knew that this was a conflict they could never win. High level discussions took place, while in Britain the public mood was surprisingly optimistic. 'There's a silver lining', the songs said. 'Keep the home fires burning till the boys come home'. When an 'Armistice' was announced, there was euphoria. No more killing, the guns silenced. Peace at last!

'Armistice' was a new word for most people - not a peace treaty or settlement (that would follow a conference in Paris the following January), but simply a laying down of arms, but for many that was enough for now. 'No more killing', they declared. Most of the boys did come home, but tens of thousands didn't. We have tended to judge the First World War by the numbers involved - and they are appalling, but each casualty was someone's personal loss.

CHRISTIAN FAIR TRADE BUSINESS TRAIDCRAFT MAY STOP SELLING GOODS

Traidcraft plc is in trouble. With very poor recent trading figures and despite enormous efforts by the staff and management and Fair Traders, it warns that the present model for the company may be no longer viable. Traidcraft's charity branch, Traidcraft Exchange, will continue to support farmers and lobby government through its charitable arm, and the decision about closing the trading arm is still in a consultation period and not final.

Traidcraft plc first started in 1979, selling fair-trade coffee, sugar and chocolate as well as rugs and handmade baskets from Bangladesh. They went on to sell fair-trade clothes and wine. Most of us remember them from church stalls and markets. Their aim was to keep a close link between producer and purchaser.

A spokesperson for Traidcraft said 'Traidcraft plc's mission to put the principles of fair trade into commercial practice is not, in any sense, fulfilled but we appreciate that it is time to consider new approaches.'

DOOR DUTIES



4th NOVEMBER

Mary Allan, Jacky Harris

In charge: Ian Beckett

Welcome table: Lesley Beckett

11th NOVEMBER

Suzanne Dalziel, Lindsay Wood

In charge: Alistair Dalziel

Welcome table: Joyce Rosie

18th NOVEMBER

Graham Clark, Joyce Rosie

In charge: Graham Annan

Welcome table: Alison Masson

25th NOVEMBER

Gillian Brown, Hazel Melrose

In charge: Stephen Thomson

Welcome table: Rose MacKenzie

2nd DECEMBER

Diane Craik, Geeta MacKay

In charge: Robin Jones

Welcome table: Ann Jones

9th DECEMBER

Sheila Capewell, Susan MacKay

In charge: Ian Beckett

Welcome table: Lesley Beckett

16th DECEMBER

Anne Burgess, Douglas Mathieson

In charge: Elizabeth Mathieson

Welcome table: Graham Clark

23rd DECEMBER

Linda Farrer, Morag Reid

In charge: Stevie Douglas

Welcome table: June Wylie

30th DECEMBER

Gillian Brown, Jacky Harris

In charge: Graham Annan

Welcome table: Liz Suttie

6th JANUARY 2019

Suzanne Dalziel, Lindsay Wood

In charge: Alistair Dalziel

Welcome table: Joyce Rosie

13th JANUARY

Mary Allan, Joyce Rosie

In charge: Stephen Thomson

Welcome table: Alison Masson

20th JANUARY

Siobhan Gilliland, Douglas Mathieson

In charge: Elizabeth Mathieson

Welcome table: Rose MacKenzie

27th JANUARY

Diane Craik, Joyce Rosie

In charge: Robin Jones

Welcome table: Ann Jones

3rd FEBRUARY

Graham Clark, Morag Reid

In charge: Stevie Douglas

Welcome table: Liz Suttie

10th FEBRUARY

Suzanne Dalziel, Alison Macleod

In charge: Alistair Dalziel

Welcome table: June Wylie

17th FEBRUARY

Richard Black, Hazel Melrose

In charge: Ian Beckett

Welcome table: Lesley Beckett

24th FEBRUARY

Anne Burgess, Susan Mackay

In charge: Graham Annan

Welcome table: Graham Clark

3rd MARCH

Sheila Capewell, Geeta MacKay

In charge: Stephen Thomson

Welcome table: Alison Masson

CENTRAL ASIA CLAMPS DOWN ON CHRISTIANS

Christians in Central Asia are facing worship bans, arrest and torture as Islamic nationalism gains ground in their countries. They can be arrested for reading the Bible in a public place, such as a bus or a train, or for telling other people about Jesus. They have had their church registrations cancelled, forcing them to meet illegally in homes, where they are subject to police raids, arrests, beatings and fines.

Now pastors in the underground church have been describing their ordeal to Release International (www.releaseinternational.org), which supports persecuted Christians around the world. In response, Release has launched an appeal to help the Church in Central Asia.

In Tajikistan, churches that do not have their own buildings are banned from meeting anywhere else. Those caught worshipping in secret can face interrogation and heavy fines. Security police arrested ten Christians in August, just for handing out gospel literature. They were fined about £750 – more than most Tajiks would earn in six months.

In Uzbekistan, the law requires churches to be registered, but the authorities have refused to issue church permits since 1999. They have tapped the phones of Christians, bugged their homes and monitored their church services.

In Kazakhstan, Christians are often seen as a threat to the state. Presbyterian pastor Bakhytzhan Kashkumbaev, was jailed for nine months for proclaiming the gospel. In prison, he led nearly 100 of his fellow inmates to Christ. Even everyday Christian activities like praying together or doing a Bible study can be deemed illegal.

Release has been working in the region for many years, supporting church leaders and helping finance their ministries in hostile environments.

Said Release International CEO, Paul Robinson: ‘When you live in a country where everything is against you because you are a Christian, it becomes a lifeline to know that somebody is standing with you.’

WILFRED OWEN

FIRST WORLD WAR POET AND HERO

British poet and soldier Wilfred Owen was killed 100 years ago this month, on 4th Nov 1918. He died leading his troops across a canal in Northern France exactly a week before the war ended. He was 25.

Owen, who was noted for his shockingly realistic poetry about the horrors of trench warfare, was born in 1893 in Shropshire. On leaving school he became a teaching assistant, and in 1913 went to France for two years to work as a language tutor. But in 1915 he returned to England to join the army. After harrowing experiences in the trenches he suffered from shell shock and went for treatment at Craiglockhart War Hospital, near Edinburgh, where he met fellow poet Siegfried Sassoon.

Owen went back to France despite Sassoon's pleas, and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery after capturing a machine-gun post almost single-handed. Brought up according to his mother's strong beliefs, Owen had thought of becoming a priest. For a while he was lay assistant to the vicar of the Oxfordshire parish of Dunsden. His only volume of poems, edited by Sassoon and published in 1920, contains some of the most poignant English war poetry, including *Dulce et Decorum Est* and *Anthem for Doomed Youth*.

ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

Only the monstrous anger of the guns

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells,

Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, -

The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;

And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes

Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.

The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;

Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,

And each slow dusk a drawing down of blinds.



NOTES

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



MARTYN STRACHAN, Organist and Choirmaster

4th NOVEMBER

Chorale Prelude 'Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott' - G F Kauffmann

Chorale Prelude 'Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott' - Dietrich Buxtehude

Chorale Prelude 'Gelobt sei Gott' - Healey Willan

11th NOVEMBER (Remembrance Day)

Sonata in C minor Op 65, No 2, first and second movement - Felix Mendelssohn

Nimrod from the Enigma Variations Op 39 - Edward Elgar arr. W H Harris

Solemn Melody - Walford Davies

18th NOVEMBER

Trio in D flat major Op 49, No 4 - Josef Rheinberger

Fughetta on B.A.C.H. - Josef Rheinberger

Epilogue - Norman Gilbert

25th NOVEMBER

Andantino from Pieces de Fantasie Op 51, No 2 - Louis Vierne

Sur le Rhin from Pieces de Fantasie Op 54, No 5 - Louis Vierne

G F Kauffmann (1679–1735) was a native of Thuringia in Germany and became organist of Merseberg Cathedral. He began writing a cycle of chorale preludes for the church year but died of tuberculosis before he could complete the project. Almost a hundred of them were published under the title *Harmonische Seelenlust* in about 1733 and this might be translated as 'The Harmonious Joy of the Soul'.

Dietrich Buxtehude (1630–1707) was organist of St Mary's, Lubeck for 38 years where he succeeded Franz Tunder. It was a condition of his appointment that he marry Tunder's daughter. Buxtehude is regarded as the most distinguished composer of the Baroque era before J S Bach. It is said that Bach walked some 200 miles to hear Buxtehude play. His most innovative music is to be found in the free organ works, namely those that did not use a chorale melody as an integral part of the construction, where his approach may be said to be more conventional.

Healey Willan (1880–1968) was organist in St Albans, Hertfordshire and later Christ Church, Wanstead and St John the Baptist, Kensington both in London.

In 1914 he emigrated to Canada to take up the post of lecturer in music at the University of Toronto. He also became organist of St Mary Magdalene's Church in the city from 1921 until his death. He wrote in all forms and for all media, but it is his organ music that is best known outside Canada. This chorale preludes use the hymn tune associated with the words 'The Strife is O'er'.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) wrote a considerable number of works for organ, but the Six Sonatas are amongst the most played of any nineteenth century music for the instrument. Of the six, four are in minor keys and the second is probably the most popular and the shortest of the set. While the first two movements are of a serious character, the second pair in the major tonality are exuberant.

Walford Davies (1869–1941) was born in Shropshire and was a chorister at St George's Chapel, Windsor, to which he returned as organist in 1927. He was previously organist of the Temple Church from 1898 until 1921 when he became professor of music at the University of Wales. He succeeded Sir Edward Elgar as Master of the King's Music in 1934 and was a frequent broadcaster on radio, mainly talks on music for schools. He wrote much church music, but only a handful of organ pieces, two of which, including the present one, were originally intended for organ and orchestra. Solemn Melody is his best-known piece and seems to have been written at about the time of the end of the First World War.

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901) was born in Liechtenstein but moved to Munich in 1851. He was a noted teacher and composed in every genre including opera. Outside Germany it is his organ music that is known, and this includes twenty Sonatas as well as many shorter pieces of high quality such as these two examples which show Rheinberger's acute sense of craftsmanship.

Norman Gilbert (1912–1975) was born in Halifax in Yorkshire and taught music at Headlands Grammar School, Swindon for 25 years. His music for organ, most published by Novello, was intended for the parish church organist and is well-crafted without being technically unduly demanding.

Louis Vierne (1870–1937) was organist of Notre Dame Paris, having been Widor's assistant at Saint-Sulpice. He was a noted improviser and composed much music for his own instrument as well as symphonic and chamber music. The sets of pieces from which these two items are taken are primarily intended for concert use, but Vierne makes it clear that he expected them to be used in the context of worship as well.

CONNECTING CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES



For Christmas, HOPE has published a 32-page magazine packed with features and a couple of competitions to give Christians a conversation-starter as they give the magazines away.

This year Christmas HOPE features the Duchess of Cambridge with Prince Louis on the cover, plus Leeds Rhinos rugby league player Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Adun, one of the 12 teenagers who was trapped in a cave in Thailand recently. Inside the magazine Jamie and Adun both speak about the prayers they've prayed - and the cover feature with the royal mum and baby points to the prayers chosen for the royal wedding and christening.

50,000 copies of Christmas HOPE are to be distributed through The Entertainer toy shops this Christmas. The magazine features the nativity scene, which will be in each of The Entertainer toy stores this Christmas, and includes the nativity story for families to read together. Copies are available for churches to buy in bulk at 10p a copy to give away to homes near their church and to guests at Christmas events.

NCT BASICS BANK

On behalf of the Basics Bank, I would like to say many, many thanks to all who contributed at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service with food and cash. During the following Thursday helpers were busy sorting donations received from a fellow NCT church's Harvest Service. On 11th October contributions were received from The Welsh Society's Harvest service, held on Sunday afternoon in our Large Hall and from two other harvest services in the NCT. As you can imagine our cupboards are looking much healthier now! I'd also like to extend special thanks to the Sunday Club for their hard work in displaying the food. Well done. On 17th October many helpers were busy marking up the donations - and we haven't finished yet! The only thing I've noticed we are short of appears to be Lentils and Yellow Split Peas. Many thanks. **ALISON MACLEOD**

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