

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

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Weekly devotions, prayers and news

Remembrance Sunday

13 November 2022

Lest we forget

The many and varied acts of Remembrance that we and many others will make this weekend are a fitting reminder and commemoration of the sacrifices made by so many people in the search for peace, not only in the two world Wars, but also in the many conflicts since. Peace-making, the building of a society in which all peoples can live in harmony, is of course still ongoing, as we can see only too painfully in the conflicts in Ukraine and elsewhere in the world. Unfortunately, we all see the world from where we are standing and have great difficulty in appreciating alternative points of view.

War and conflict are not the only calamities to afflict us at the present time. Still recovering from a global pandemic, we are faced with climate and financial crises that have the potential to result in widespread devastation and famine. The Gospel reading for Sunday, with its reference to the end of time, appears particularly appropriate, encouraging us to endure such things in our quest for our true selves.

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Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022)

9.00 Holy Communion with Hymns *(in church and online)*

Reader: Charles Solomon

Hymns: 357, 57, 594, 635

10.45 Service of Remembrance (starting at the War Memorial)

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion (C. Worship) *(in church & online)*

Readings: Revelation Chap. 4: Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) *(in church)*

Readings: Revelation 5: 1-10; Luke 19: 41-44

Friday: 11.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *Readings: Second Sunday before Advent (in church)*

Next Sunday: Christ the King (20th November 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church & online)*

4.00 Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving *(in church & online)*

For services live on Zoom: Click the blue link on the front page of the church website

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

A thought Remembrance Sunday: Luke 21. 5-19

Our memory forms us, it has an impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The Early Church Fathers spoke of the memory as being 'a power of the soul'. Memory informs, rightly or wrongly, and impacts our decision making and therefore our future. It also keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

Today we especially 'remember' those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom, and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. They changed the course of history by their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to "Do this in remembrance of me". We gather on this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say, "We will remember them".

A prayer for this time of Vacancy:

Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of change and uncertainty, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new priest for this Benefice, so that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example, in loving obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: John Bernardi (priest), Paul Simpson, Martin Packham, Val Thompson, Becky Parker, George Snashall, Eileen Maccougall, Eileen Caple, Karen Leese

Long Term Need: Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Wendy, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Yvonne Godsmark, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Maureen Griffiths, Carol Cox, Liz Graydon

Those in Care Homes: Jill Rockey, Jean Simmons, Mary Watts, Ruth Baker,, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Sheila Chasser, Aileen Brice, Ralph Wilkins, Jane White, Catherine Harris

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 135th Ivor Williams, John Taylor, Albert Avery, 14th Jeremy Gambrill, 15th John Levett, 16th Gordon Stuart, Derek Titheradge, 17th Jean Doublebeiss, Phil Goodwin, Anthony Giles, 18th Enid, Sheila Sanhc, Phyllis Brinley Codd, 19th Cicely Selby, Roderic James, David Pardey, Cyril Carter, Juliet Pegler