

The Churches of the Forest of Galtres Benefice

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Remembrance Sunday

Introduction

Last weekend we were giving time to remember people in our lives who had parted from us through death; death for whatever reason. This Sunday, and Wednesday 11th, is different. We will be remembering people – men and women, most of whom we did not know – who were snatched from life as a result of war, or were cruelly injured – whose courage and actions made our lives today possible. To be honest, war has been a feature of life since time began. But what propelled war forward as something for continuous, public *remembering* was World War I – the world war to end all wars. If only. Almost 1 million were killed and 1.7 million injured. King George V was the originator of Remembrance Day which took place on 11th November 1919, just 12 months after the Armistice, at a wood and plaster mock-up of the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The real Portland stone Cenotaph was in place for November 11th 1920; the Poppy Appeal started in 1921. WWI impacted on virtually every family in the land – something which propelled an urgent need for *remembering*. Then, of course, it all started again 17 years later in 1939 and we remember those lost and injured through that period of conflict. In our moments of remembering this Sunday and on the 11th we can pray for those who have died in wars, those who have been injured in wars and pray for all the 'unknown' – those people we shall never hear of who lost a loved one through war or had to watch a loved one living an injured life. And, pray for an end to violent conflict. And, we can pray for our prayers to work.

Richard Haste, Acting Benefice Chair.

Coming to Church on Sunday – November 8th – Remembrance Sunday

Sutton	Remembrance Service	10.50	
Stillington	Remembrance Service	10.30	
Farlington	Remembrance Service	10.50	
Sheriff	Remembrance Service	10.45	

Remembrance services on Wednesday, November 11th

Stillington	Remembrance Service	10.45	
Marton	Remembrance Service	10.50	

Coming to Church next Sunday – November 15th

Sutton	Holy Communion led by Bishop Flora	10.00	
Marton	Celtic Worship	3.00pm	

A Prayer for our Benefice during the Vacancy

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts, seeking your guidance and wisdom as we search for a new vicar to lead and serve our churches. Help us to trust in your plan and to listen carefully for your direction. Guide those who are part of this process, granting them clarity, patience, and unity in their decisions. Bless the person you are calling to this role, preparing their heart and mind to respond to your call with faith and joy. May our new vicar be a faithful shepherd, who will guide us with wisdom, inspire us with their teaching, and walk alongside us in love and humility. Help us to be a welcoming and supportive community, ready to work together for your kingdom and may this season of transition strengthen our faith and draw us closer to you. e ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Lesson ~ Micah 4 : 1 - 7 Peace and Security through Obedience

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's temple shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

On that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted. The lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation, and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion now and forevermore.

The Epistle ~ Romans 8 : 31 - 39 God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel ~ 1 Corinthians 15 : 50 - 58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

> "Death has been swallowed up in victory."
> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Opportunity for Confirmation

by Archbishop Stephen at St Peters Brafferton on Sunday 6th December at 10.30am.

If you or anyone you know would like to take up this opportunity, can you please get in touch with Margaret Price by the end of October
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Sunday November 29th 3.00pm *A Very Crooked Christmas*
by Riding Lights Theatre Company at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall.
The same actors and the same writer who gave us *Christmas Inn Trouble* last year, so this promises to be an excellent show. Terrific for all ages. Tell all your friends, especially those with children. £7.50 for adults; £5.00 for under 16s. Please contact rmapletoft@outlook.com (01347 811854).