



# Good News

## November 2020

### Remembering and Remembrance

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.*

Dear Friends,

This new month brings with it the annual invitation to spend time in quiet reflection; in remembering and remembrance of those who have died.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November we will hold the memorial service at which we remember all those who have died; whether that be in this past year or many years ago. This year this holds a special importance as so many of us have had to grieve the loss of loved ones from afar, and without taking so many of those steps that we hold on to as familiar, even when walking the unfamiliar steps of a new grief.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November, we join with the nation in the Annual Remembrance of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the armed forces. Once again, we are having to respond to the pandemic and make our act of remembrance in a changed way (there is more information on this below). While we could dwell on what is different about this most special commemoration, I encourage you to make sure that what we are able to do, is done well and safely- keeping at its heart a focus on who and what we are remembering. For, in remembering and remembrance we are brought close to those who have died and are reminded of the hope that we have in the source of life, in peace and in hope.

In the year when we commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan in new ways, may we be encouraged by the example of those who defended our shores and fought for the freedoms we continue to know today and in that same spirit show care for our neighbours. This year, the Royal British Legion are encouraging households to mark a two-minute silence on their doorsteps at 11:00 on Remembrance Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> November) and I hope that around the parish we might be able to join in with this. Remembering those who for our tomorrow gave their today.

When we remember those who have died we do so in hope. The hope that we have in the resurrected Christ, the hope of Easter day, the hope of light conquering darkness. And so, with that in mind I encourage you in these longer evenings to have a candle to light to remind you of this, to be a physical presence (just as the paschal candle in the church is) of this hope in your homes.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Mthr Lucy**  
**Curate-in-Charge**  
**St Thomas à Becket, Paghham**

## **How can we help the Bognor Foodbank this Christmas?**

In the run up to Christmas the Bognor Regis Foodbank will be giving Christmas items with parcels collected during December, so to allow clients to plan and prepare for their Christmas celebrations. After conversation with the FB manager I have created this 'Countdown to Advent' calendar designed to help you think about the items you might like to donate during November. Items can be collected in a box and then delivered to the church on Advent Sunday or brought in week by week and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for continuing to support the much-needed work of this resource.

## **Memorial Service- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 at 16:00**

During this November season of remembering and remembrance we offer this quiet and reflective evening service where we remember by name those who have died. With the opportunity to light a candle in their memory. If you would like the names of your loved ones to be read out, or to attend, please send Mo Hatzfeld an email [Hatzfeld@btinternet.com](mailto:Hatzfeld@btinternet.com)

## **Remembrance Sunday- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

This year the Parish Act of Remembrance will take place during the 09:30 Parish Eucharist. This will include a two-minute silence, as well as the reading of the names of the fallen from the Pagham and Aldwick war memorial. At the end of the service the parish wreath will be laid at the war memorial, and individuals are invited to pay their own respects as they leave the church, should they wish to. Public gatherings are being discouraged this year to avoid large gatherings of people. It is hoped that the arrangements at the church will allow us as a congregation to mark Remembrance Sunday, but also to allow individuals to observe the national silence at 11:00 at home and join in the 'doorstep' commemorations with neighbours in the parish, as encouraged by the Royal British Legion.

### **The streets we will pray for this month are:**

The Green, The Nyetimbers, The orchard, The Parade, The Ridings, The View, Tithe Barn Close, Tithe Barn Way, Viscount Drive, Warwick Close, Webb Close, Well Road, West Drive, West Front Road, Windmill Close, Willow Way, Wolsey Close and Wythering Close.

### **We remember those who have died:**

Fr. Chris, Laurie Tucker and Tim Grant

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