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We Will Remember Them



The past year has seen the anniversaries of three major events in the history of our country.

On 8th May we remembered the 75th Anniversary of VE Day – Victory in Europe Day. This day in 1945 marked the end of Adolf Hitler's war and sparked celebrations around the world.

On 15th August we remembered the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day – Victory over Japan Day. On this day in 1945 Prime Minister Clement Atlee said "The last of our enemies is laid low." An estimated 71,000 soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth died in the war against Japan, including more than 12,000 prisoners of war who died in Japanese captivity after being treated atrociously.

More recently we remembered the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the major air campaign fought over southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940.

Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic meant that our celebrations were low key, but nevertheless we remembered. The act of remembrance is so important, lest we forget.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, we will not be able to remember in the usual way. The parade in the village is cancelled but we will still assemble in church, although in fewer numbers, for the annual act of remembrance when 'we will remember them': all those killed in the First and Second World Wars and in later conflicts.

This is the Season of Remembrance. November 1st is All Saints Day, when we honour all the saints of the church that have attained heaven; not just the well known canonized saints but all those whose sainthood is known only to God. This tradition was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741AD). November 2nd is All Souls' Day, a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. All Souls' Day this year is particularly poignant with so many of our loved ones having been taken from us as a result of the coronavirus.

Remembrance is particularly important for Christians. Every time we approach the altar to receive communion, we are remembering the words of Jesus when he said: "Do this in remembrance of me".

May our God be with us at this Season of Remembrance as he reminds us that despite the problems and the hurt and the heartache of the past and the present, we can look forward to the Peace of the Lord, which passes all understanding.

Trevor Dimmock

A Wonderful Answer To Prayers

At the Morning Service on 4th October the Churchwardens were able to announce that Richard, Bishop of Bedford, has appointed Reverend Isaac Pain as our new priest in charge.

He is currently curate at St Andrew's Church, Burgess Hill, in the Diocese of Chichester. He was ordained three years ago and trained for the ministry at Oak Hill Theological College. He is convinced that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most precious and wonderful news and loves sharing it with others. Alongside his passion for teaching and preaching the Bible he has a great love for the persecuted church and world mission. He comes with extensive experience of reaching schools and families with the gospel and loves finding ways for whole families to worship together. He is married to Rebekah and has three children: Josiah (9), Lois (7) and Jonathan (3).

He is to be licensed in Cranfield Church on Monday 7th December. Further details will be provided later but at this stage we do not know who will be allowed to attend.

Thank you to Diana Lord and her team for decorating the church so magnificently for our Harvest Thanksgiving service. Photographs of the lovely arrangements adorn this issue!

More Good News - Christmas Post

Friends of the Church will again deliver your cards in Cranfield in early December.

Donations will be given to SMART - previously BECHAR - the Bedford charity supporting the homeless. After many years of stalwart service, Dennis Howe has handed over coordination to Haydn Distin. If you can help with sorting and/or delivering please contact Haydn: 751451.

Lectionary Reflections

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day



Revelation 7: 9-17 *There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (v9)*

1 John 3: 1-3 *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. (v1)*

Matthew 5: 1-12 – The Beatitudes

Blessed are: the poor in spirit; those who mourn; the meek; those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; the merciful; the pure in heart; the peacemakers: those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (vv 3-10)

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (vv 11,12)

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday – The Third Sunday before Advent

Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16 *Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. (v12)*

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 *We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (v13)*

Matthew 25: 1-13 *The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (v13)*



Sunday 15th November – The Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 *Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand. (v7)*

1 Thssalonians 5: 1-11 *The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (v2)*

Matthew 25: 14-30 *The parable of the talents. “Well done good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” (v23)*



Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King



Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 *For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. (v11)*

Ephesians 1: 15-23 *I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him. (v17)*

Matthew 25: 31-46 *Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (vv 37-40)*

Sunday 29th November – The First Sunday of Advent – New Church Year (B)

Isaiah 64: 1-9 *O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are the potter. (v8)*

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 *God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (v9)*

Mark 13: 24-37 *About the day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. (vv 32, 33)*

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November

The following is a message from John Seamark, Chairman Cranfield Branch Royal British Legion:

You will be aware of the directives from HM government with regards to the continuing threat from Covid-19. One is the restrictions on mass gatherings to no more than six. It is, therefore, with regret that The Royal British Legion Cranfield Branch will have to discourage any form of mass gatherings at the Village Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 2020. The committee will be contacting all organisations that normally lay a wreath or tribute to request if they will lay their wreath at a designated time. We also appreciate that there will be family and friends that may wish to lay a tribute. Therefore, you may wish to lay your tribute earlier, later, or the day before. A number of committee (max of six) members will be at the memorial for 11.00am for the two minute silence, Last Post, Reveille (played through a speaker), Exhortation, Roll of Honour and the Kohima epitaph. Contact John Seamark: 07767 086310.



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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Sunday 1st	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (Lead: Rev Philip Young) Morning Prayer (Lead: Rev Philip Young)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Sunday 8th	10.30am 10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Remembrance Service (Lead: Maurice Rust) Remembrance Service (Lead: Trevor Dimmock) – See below and page 3 for more details	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Friday 13th	7.30pm	Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson (<i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	
Sunday 15th	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (Lead: Maurice Rust) All Age Worship (Lead: Jo Stannage)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Sunday 22nd	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (Lead: Rev Ray Porter) Holy Communion (Lead: Rev Ray Porter)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Friday 27th	7.30pm	Home Group via Zoom – see above	
Sunday 29th	10.30am	ADVENT SUNDAY Morning Prayer (Lead: Trevor Dimmock)	Cranfield Church

Please check with the church website: cranfieldchurch.org.uk for updates on church opening times, material for personal worship and links to other services. Thank you to Revd Caroline Weaver for sending through a weekly 'worship from home' resource.

Thank you for complying with the Covid safety guidelines. Unless the rules change, the following will apply:

- ◆ Contact details will need to be taken on arrival to enable future tracing if required. Please come in good time and follow the sidesperson's guidance.
- ◆ Social distancing of two metres needs to be observed but household members will be able to sit together.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser is available and should be used on entering and leaving the building and after touching any surfaces.
- ◆ Hugs and even handshakes need to be put on hold.
- ◆ There will be no hymn singing. There will be no chalice, only bread for Holy Communion.
- ◆ Please wear a face covering.

Sadly there will be no refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to attend but please don't put yourself under any pressure to do so.



Cranfield Church is open to visitors and for private prayer daily from 10.00am - 4.00pm

Please use the hand sanitiser provided on entering and leaving the building and do not enter any area that is clearly forbidden.

We hope you will be blessed by your time spent in church.

Remembrance Sunday

The Churchwardens request that visitors kindly let them know if you wish to attend the church service at 10.30am. Contact details on front page. An important message from the British Legion regarding the usual gathering at the War Memorial can be found on page 3.