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Walking In Faith



For the past few weeks our lectionary Bible readings have been from St Luke's Gospel and focussing on faith.

Faith is an abstract noun and is defined as confidence or trust in a person or thing or concept.

We have been taught that our Christian faith is a journey, often taking small steps along the way, that we are all on a different part of that journey but all travelling in the same direction and all aspiring to reach the same final destination; a life centred around Jesus Christ and

ultimately to be with him for eternity.

I recently read that there are six stages of faith. Stage 1 is the intuitive stage where we simply accept stories and rituals told to us by parents and others. The stages move through to critical analysis which often results in unbelief and disillusionment or hopefully the strengthening of our faith. Moving on, we begin to realise the limits of logic and begin to accept the mystery of life.

The final stage is the enlightenment stage where we begin to live life with universal principles of compassion and love and service to others, without worries and without doubt. That is the stage to which we should all aspire by praying to Jesus to give us greater faith, just as His apostles asked Him.

You will remember that Jesus said all we need is faith as big as a mustard seed. That sounds very easy and simplistic. I think he meant that when a mustard seed is sown and watered and fed it grows and grows until it becomes a mature plant. Our faith needs to be fed and watered by Bible study and prayer and then it too will grow and mature until we reach that almost elusive stage 6.

But we must never forget the words in James 2, "Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

I pray that during our vacancy we will continue to grow in faith and as we learn to trust the Lord, our hearts will overflow with gratitude for all His blessings and the stability He offers in every circumstance.

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Walking In Faith

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The photograph on the front page is of a beautiful carving of St .Paul. It was taken before the reordering – did you notice?! At each end of the chancel pews you will find magnificent carvings. Those at the near end represent angels; those at the far end represent St Peter and St Paul, our Patron Saints.

May the examples of their lives and their words help us on our journey in faith.

Trevor Dimmock, Reader

A Prayer – Heavenly Father we pray for peace in our world and in our hearts. We pray for tolerance and understanding. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. In the precious name of our Saviour Jesus, forgive us when we go astray. Amen



Celebrate Christmas
with
Sounds Familiar
Community Choir's
Christmas Concert
at
Cranfield Parish Church
Sat., 7th. December 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Tickets £10 per head
Available from Sheila Ewen
Tel. 01234 750117
Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
In aid of Church Funds



Art Show at Cranfield Church

Local artists are invited to exhibit works of art, including photographs.

The exhibition is on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December from 11am to 4.30pm.

Some exhibits will be on sale and refreshments will be served. Please come along to support Church Funds.

For details contact Diana Lord:
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Pew Top Sale

Saturday 16th November 2019

10.00am – 12.00 noon

Cranfield Parish Church

*By the Friends of
the Parish Church,
in aid of Church General Fund*

Advance Notice – The Christmas Post

Friends of the Church will deliver your cards in Cranfield. The post box will be in church from Monday 2nd December until noon on Monday 16th December. Donations will be given to SMART – the Bedford Charity supporting the homeless. HELP IS NEEDED DELIVERING CARDS – contact Dennis Howe Tel: 751442.

*On the bright side – Who was the
Bible's most flagrant lawbreaker?*

Answer on opposite page!

Remembrance Sunday

This year, on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, the parade led by members of the Cranfield Branch of the Royal British Legion will assemble at the Cross Keys at 10.00am. It will leave for the War Memorial at 10.30am. The commemorations will be led by John Seamark, Chairman of the Cranfield Branch of the Royal British Legion, and Trevor Dimmock, our Lay Reader.

At the War Memorial wreaths will be laid. After the two minute silence at 11.00am John Seamark will read the Exhortation and the Roll of Honour.

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”



These are the words of the fourth verse of a poem “For the Fallen” written in September 1914 by Laurence Binyon. He was too old to serve but his heart went out to our brave servicemen who were giving their lives for our freedom.

The parade and the public then move to the Parish Church for a service of Remembrance. Towards the end of the service, John Seamark will read the Kohima Epitaph:

“When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.”

This is a legacy of the Burma campaign which was one of the longest, thanks to the heavy monsoon rains, and saw some of the bitterest fighting of the Second World War. In April 1944 a strong Japanese force was threatening Kohima, a small hill station in the north of Burma. It was defended only by the 4th Royal West Kents. The Deputy Commissioner’s bungalow at Garrison Hill had a clay tennis court which became no-mans-land in the deadly battle which followed. Although the West Kents were relieved by the British 2nd Division, the battle for Kohima continued for almost another four weeks before the Japanese finally surrendered.

The War Cemetery at Kohima, where 1,420 Allied soldiers are buried, lies on the slopes of Garrison Hill where the tennis courts once stood. The epitaph carved on the Memorial of the British 2nd Division has become famous as the Kohima Epitaph.

One of our soldiers named on the War Memorial, John Harry Anstee, fought and died in the Burma Campaign. He was the eldest son of the miller, Harry Anstee. You can read the stories of all of the 43 men from WW1 and 9 from WW2 in the two books: “Cranfield Remembers the Fallen of the Great War” and “Lest We Forget – Cranfield’s Second World War”. The books are on sale at Cranfield Newsagents or from me (Marjorie Cotton). The cost of £10 each is donated to the Poppy Appeal of the Royal British Legion, which provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependents.

We shouldn’t dwell on or in the past but learn from it. Sadly we haven’t learnt the cost of war and there are still conflicts today, often where innocent civilians, including children, are caught in the cross-fire.

This Remembrance Day may we pray for peace in our world. In our own country there is hatred, intolerance and violence. May we grow in respect for others, whatever their views, and always remember the words of Jesus to do unto others as we would have them do to us. (*Matthew 7:12*)

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Moses, because he broke all ten commandments at once. (Exodus 32:15-20)

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Friday 1st	8.00pm	Home Group: Contact Linda Pearson (Tel: 751358)	1 Walk House Close
Saturday 2nd	10am-Noon	Working Party – help needed!	Cranfield Church
Sunday 3rd	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (Lead: Rev Peter Ackroyd) University Service with the Bishop of Bedford	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 5th	7.30pm	“Sounds Familiar” Community Choir (and every Tuesday): Contact Jean Lloyd (Tel: 751495)	Baptist Church
Thursday 7th	10.45am- Noon 7.30pm	Bible Study every week in term time: Contact Marjorie Cotton (Tel: 750025) Bellingring Practice (and every Thursday): Contact Mary Hartley (<i>mary.hartley56@gmail.com</i>)	3 Thrift View or TBA Cranfield Church
Sunday 10th	9.00am 10.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer & Remembrance (T Dimmock) Remembrance Parade Laying of wreaths & two minutes’ silence, followed by service in Church (Lead: T Dimmock with Royal British Legion) “Food 4 Thought”: Food, Fellowship & Fun	Salford Church Cross Keys War Memorial/ Cranfield Church Methodist Church
Saturday 16th	10am-Noon	Pew Top Sale: Contact Wendy Norris (Tel: 353453)	Cranfield Church
Sunday 17th	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (Lead: T Dimmock) Morning Prayer & Coffee (Lead: Maurice Rust) Family Service with activities for younger children (Lead: Jo Stannage)	Cranfield Church Salford Church Cranfield Church
Friday 22nd	8.00pm	Home Group: Contact Linda Pearson (Tel: 751358)	TBA
Sunday 24th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (Lead: Rev Jennie Cappleman) Holy Communion – Joint Service with Methodists	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Friday 29th	7.00pm	Decorating Christmas Tree – help needed!	Cranfield Church
Saturday 30th	10.00am	Making Christingles – help needed!	Cranfield Church
DECEMBER			
Sunday 1st	10.30am 3.30-4.30pm 5.30-6.30pm	ADVENT SUNDAY Morning Prayer – Advent Service (Trevor Dimmock) Christingle for under 9s (Lead: Rachel Foster) Christingle for over 9s (Lead: Rachel Foster)	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church

MOTTO 2019 “ When you pray I will answer you ” Isaiah 58 v9

All are welcome to join us at our services for worship and fellowship.

- ◆ We welcome Bishop Richard to our University Service on **Sunday 3rd November** – students and all connected to Cranfield University are invited.
- ◆ On **Sunday 10th November** – we join the village in the Remembrance Commemorations.
- ◆ On **1st December** – our Christmas Tree will be in church as we celebrate the beginning of Advent. NO presents under the tree please.
- ◆ We look forward to welcoming families to our Family and Christingle Services.
- ◆ Our neighbours at Salford and Hulcote warmly invite you to join them at their services.