

# God friendship poppy over faith harmony together Reconciliation Remembrance struggle peace accord conflict fellowship

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Dear friends,

I write this as the final preparations for our Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival are in full swing. Dozens (maybe even hundreds) of people have been involved in the creation of poppies, in wool and felt, to form our installation at the back of the Church.

As with each Remembrance season, we remember the sacrifice of those lost in wars spanning the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and those who continue to place themselves in danger for the safety of others.

But this year, we use the centenary of the end of hostilities in the First World War to remember the act of reconciliation: the action that brought about peace

albeit fragile – in Europe, and the ongoing call as
Christians to be people who seek peace and pursue the path of reconciliation – however that is needed in our lives.

As well as the idea of restoring friendly relations, as we'd see in the face of warring nations, the OED says that reconciliation is also 'the action of making one view or belief compatible with another'. Reconciliation is not just about being friendly but about reflecting a resolution of belief or views. It is, fundamentally, about a compatibility of understanding. Reconciliation cannot be anything other than finding friendship that is whole and unequivocally understanding. Reconciliation is about being tolerant, empathetic and accepting of the other's position – in a spirit of friendship – and finding a way to hold compatible – rather than contradictory – views.

The difficulty of this acceptance and compatibility was illustrated for me recently when I heard someone say "I'm all for reconciliation, but...". Reconciliation may not be easy – it calls us to be open to the other and to be able to change our position to be compatible with one another. But the use of 'but' demonstrates that true reconciliation is a long way away – true reconciliation is not about 'ifs and buts'.

The Christian message of unconditional love is one of reconciliation – it is the way by which the world is brought not only into friendly relationship with God, but is living a God shaped existence. Sin continues to break this relationship and mar the shape of God's presence in the world. Yet the love of God, shown through the outstretched arms of Christ on the Cross, demonstrates that the world's humanity is not only known to God but is unconditionally compatible with God's purposes for the world. We can be God's people living a God shaped existence if we commit ourselves to it.

Blessings

Matthew

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground

# Alicia Kit VIKANDER HARINGTON Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm

This is a powerful story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain, an independent young woman who abandoned her studies at Somerville College, Oxford, to become a war nurse.

All profits from the Film Club are in aid of church funds and charitable works.



TESTAMENT of YOUTH



Remembrance Sunday is a time the nation comes together to remember all those who lost their lives in war and all those maimed in battle.

Historically, we fail to learn from our mistakes and reconcile our errors. Yet reconciliation between nation and peoples however challenging and tenuous endeavours to bring hope of peace. However reconciliation does not just embrace conflict in wars but also conflicts in other aspects of our society such as class, religion, gender, ethnicity and sexuality, where people are wounded emotionally, spiritually, mentally and also physically on both sides of the conflicts.

In Prayer:

Loving and living God we hold in our prayers all those who have paid and pay the price in war for our freedom. We pray for the families of those who serve to protect us, give them comfort to find strength to endure their time apart.

Loving and Living God we pray for understanding for those who suffer social injustice, for those on all sides of sadness and despair.

Loving and living God we pray for reconciliation among all in conflict. Bless our lives with Your Peace and Your forgiving love.

We ask these prayers in the name of Your Son and Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

"The living owe it to those who can no longer speak to tell their story for them." Czeslaw Milosz, The Issa Valley No one is beyond the reach of God's love and mercy. Nothing is beyond God's forgiveness. Nothing we can do can make God love us less. Nothing we can do can make God love us more. Amen (Susan Sayers)

#### Hope 4 team

#### The Kindness of Strangers

A young man who had been on a long trek to Turkey fell ill and had to return home to the North East. He made three train journeys: from Izmir to Istanbul, from Istanbul to Manchester and Manchester to Newcastle. On leaving the Central Station he walked up Northumberland Street, with his luggage, feeling very ill.

A kind lady then noticed him weaving about on the pavement in a state of collapse. She went to him and offered to take him for a cup of tea and then, realising how low he was, she bought him a sausage roll and a cup of coffee.

Due to her help he was then able to go by bus to Rake Lane Walk In Centre whereupon he was immediately sent to Cramlington Hospital. He was then transferred to the Freeman Hospital and put on dialysis where he still remains in the Renal Unit. He would not have survived without the spontaneous act of kindness by a stranger.

The young man in question is a friend of my son Christopher and the woman is indeed a modern day Good Samaritan. Let us all follow her example whenever possible.

Jean Walton

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.... We look forward this month to the Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation – Saturday 27th October to Sunday 11th November. A lot of hard work has gone into organising this major



event plus all the effort put in by so many people to produce the poppies so please do give your support if possible.

A main fund-raising event of the year, the Annual Church Fair, takes place on Saturday 24th November from 10 am until 2 pm, further details elsewhere in Newstand. Do come along if you can.

Dates for the diary:

• Harmony Concert – Thursday 13th December 6.30 pm

- Community Carol Service Friday, 14th December, 7 pm
- Afternoon Carol Service Monday, 17th December, 2 pm
- Carol Singing in the area Thursday 20th December, 6 pm
- Longest Night Service Friday, 21st December, 7 pm
- New Year's Eve Party Monday 31st December, 9 pm

#### Ann Hammond

Many thanks to all my friends at St. Andrew's Church for all your lovely cards of condolence and kind thoughts, as well as visitors to my home. It is approaching a year since I lost my dear Dorothy and I have only just felt up to writing this note. I hope to see a lot more of you now that I am recovering from my knee operation.

Love and Best Wishes,

Derek (Lowdon)

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them." Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen

#### **St Peter's Players**

presents

# **The Trouble With Trent**

A comedy by

Fred Carmichael

at The Crosskeys Hall

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

Tickets from Sue Ames or Carole Mallett

 $\pounds 6$  if pre-booked or  $\pounds 7$  on the door

# Derek's Jokes #1



"Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear." William Shakespeare, All's Well That Ends Well



Dear Friends

Sunday, 7th October was a special day for me. I attended a normal morning service and communion, after an absence of 18 months.

I write now to say thank you for all the kind words spoken to me by so many people.

It is an opportunity too to express some appreciation to everyone who, during my illnesses, has kept me in touch with the life and fellowship of St Andrew's. I cannot express how valuable that has been.

People other than myself have had many happy and difficult experiences during recent months and to many of you I offer regret and apologise that I have not been able to contact you as I normally would have done. You have been in my thoughts and prayers, thanks to the support I have been receiving.

How privileged we are to have been given the gift of faith and to be able to share in fellowship. May St. Andrew's keep this aspect of Christian life close to the top of its agenda.

Yours sincerely,

Edith Corby

"Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag and smile, smile, smile... While you've a lucifer to light your fag, smile, boys, that's the style."

# Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 27th October - 11th November 2018 Highlights



It's almost time for our festival of Remembrance & Reconciliation. With so much going on over the fortnight, what are the highlights?

#### **Crafted Poppies**

Come and see just what we have done with all your crafted poppies and be inspired and enthralled. On display in the church throughout the festival.

#### Talks by Guest Speakers

Consider a different perspective, as we explore peace and reconciliation and what that means for us today. *Details on the centrefold pull out programme.* 

#### Exhibition

Explore art work, poetry and more connected to our theme of Remembrance & Reconciliation and make your own response on the day. *Open at various times throughout the festival*.

#### Music

As we bring our festival to a close, immerse yourself in the beautiful music of Mozart and Parry. You can even participate by joining the choir either in advance or on the day. *Details at* <u>bit.ly/RARF-Concert</u>

It promises to be a thought provoking and inspiring 2 weeks. We look forward to seeing you all!

"We shall want you and miss you but with all our might and main... we shall cheer you, thank you, kiss you when you come back again." Paul Rubens, Your King and Country Need You



Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 2018 27th October - 11th November 2018



**Newstand Special Edition Pull-out and Keep** 



Welcome to your special edition pull out programme. Inside you will find your diary for the 2 week festival including details of talks and events.





# Saturday 27th October - Sunday 4th November 2018

Sat	27	Festival Opening Coffee Morning	10am
Sun	28	Café Style Morning Worship	11am
		Evening Service	6.30pm
Tues	30	Exhibition open to the public	10am -
		Talk: Cyril Lomax: Life at the Somme 1916	noon
		Friends of Washington Old Hall	7.30pm
Wed	31	Creative Writing Workshop	10am
			& 2pm
Thurs	1	Exhibition open to the public	10am -
			noon
Fri	2	Talk: Family History Exploration	2pm
		Alison Houston	
		Talk: First World War Poetry	7.30pm
		Alan Campbell, MP for Tynemouth	
Sat	3	Talk: World War Two. Same-sex desire in the	7.30pm
		British Armed Forces.	
		Dr Emma Vickers, Senior Lecturer in History Liverpool John Moore's University.	
Sun	4	Come & Praise Worship	9.30am
		Communion Service	11am



# Monday 5th November - Sunday 11th November 2018

Mon	5	<b>Talk:</b> Christian Peace Activism Dr Daniel Laqua, Head of History Northumbria University	7.30pm
Wed	7	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups)	Morning & Afternoon
		"Voices of Remembrance & Reconciliation" Poetry & creative writing readings	7.30pm
Thurs	8	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups)	Morning & Afternoon
		<b>Talk</b> : Women's Peace Movement Dr Sarah Hellawell, Lecturer in Modern British History, Sunderland University	7.30pm
Fri	9	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups)	Morning
		Friendship Club Festival Session	2pm
Sat	10	Ecumenical Act of Remembrance (Monkseaton)	11am
		Concert of Remembrance & Reconciliation	7.30pm
Sun	11	Remembrance Sunday Parade Service	11am
		Messy Church	3.30pm



#### Do you enjoy choral singing?

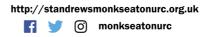
Join with singers from all over the region to perform Mozart's Requiem & Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens.

Our Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival takes place between **Saturday 27th October and Sunday 11th November 2018**. It concludes with a Concert of Remembrance and Reconciliation on **Saturday 10th November** including performances by our come and sing scratch choir.

Choir members are encouraged to attend at least one pre-rehearsal (4pm–6pm Saturday 20th October & 4pm–6pm Saturday 3rd November) and be available for the afternoon and evening of the 10th November 2018.

Details of rehearsals and how to register to join the choir can be found at <u>bit.ly/RARF-Concert</u>

Further information is also available by contacting Lucy Cooke at communitymonkseatonurc@gmail.com Or online at http://standrewsmonkseatonurc.org.uk/ stan-rarf2018-music





Copies of the Minutes and Reports of the Church Meeting held on 27th September 2018 are displayed on the Notice Board in

the vestibule of the Church. In case you were not able to be present here is a précis of the meeting.

- Two meetings have each been held by Elders and the Executive Team.
- New Praise Service continuing to be appreciated.
- Support of visiting preachers, including the Synod Moderator, appreciated.
- Open seating arrangement received mixed views – decision taken to revert to 'traditional' layout.
- Joint service at St. Peter's well attended.
- Coast Partnership service in September poor attendance from St Andrew's.
- Time for Safeguarding Policy to be reviewed.
- Various repairs around the premises needed. Annual cleaning of carpets, chairs and the premises carried out.
- Buildings surveyed by consultants organised and paid for by Northern Synod.

"We were preparing not Peace only, but Eternal Peace. There was about us the halo of some divine mission. ...

- Off street parking to be provided at the Manse.
- Good support for Work Week thanks to all who helped.
- Activities Team continues to organise events to benefit church, local community and charities.
- Hall Letting vital part of church income, premises well used.
- Church finances continue to look good. Monthly figures posted up.
- Reports given on each of the 2020 Hopes. Copies attached to Minutes.
- Up to date report on progress for Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation given.
- Junior Church to be suspended concentrate on other child and young person's activities – Messy Church, Summer lunches, Parade Services.
- Decision taken not to apply for renewal of Child Friendly Church Award.

**Date of next Church Meeting** – Sunday 18th November during the morning service.

Ray Hammond Church Secretary

We were bent on doing great, permanent, noble things." Harold Nicolson, British delegate to the 1919 Paris Peace Conference Kathleen and Bill would like to offer their thanks to the members and friends of St. Andrew's for the flowers, good wishes and attendance at the celebration on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> the occasion of their Golden October, on Weddina Anniversary.

Once again, Thank You!

**Thoughts on Remembrance and Reconciliation** 

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In our increasingly isolating world, the best we can do is to examine our beliefs and motives, and hope that we do justice ñ to the people we remember.

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#### Ingrid and Gordon Connacher

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"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes." Maya Angelou

Dear all involved (you know who you are!),

I wish to express my personal thanks and gratitude to all those who have contributed in any way towards the "Poppy Project" part of St. Andrew's "Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation 2018". From those who contributed yarn, to enable all the busy hands of all ages, and from several parts of the country, members, relatives, friends, uniformed organisations, and a few other groups, plus many more unknown to me ... to knit, sew, crochet and glue their way through miles of yarn and metres of felt to give us a mountain of a wonderful variety of poppies, and with some very gratifying stories.

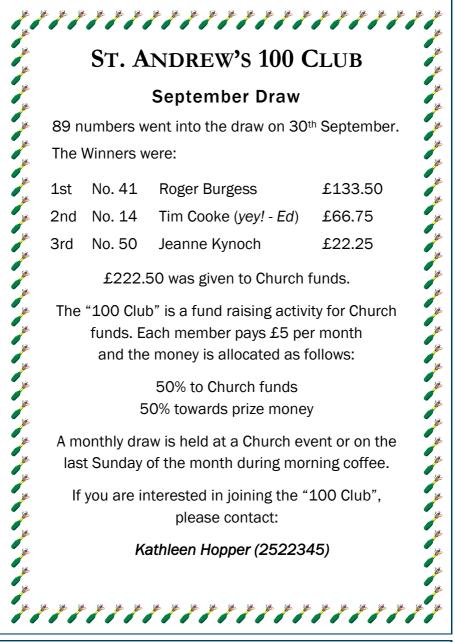
And now the teams of ladies, and one brave gentleman, who are helping to attach the poppies to the nets for the final "Tad-dah!" moment — the INSTALLATION! Thank you one and all for your invaluable help and support over these past few months.

> Una Ketteridge AKA "The Poppy Lady"

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"When our perils are past, shall our gratitude sleep?" George Canning, The Pilot that weathered the Storm

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"With the tears a Land hath shed... Their graves should ever be green." Thomas Bailey Aldrich 58 Society, 61st season - 1st Meeting, 15th October 2018.



The 58 Society committee has this summer focussed on increasing new membership.

At our first meeting, we were encouraged to see new faces in the audience. Joan Yarrow, our chair person welcomed new members, existing members and visitors. At the end of the meeting two visitors joined the Society. Others were considering becoming a member at the next meeting. There were thirty six people present.

The talk, 'Grand Performances', was interesting, informative and inspiring. Pat Lowery who stepped in at the eleventh hour, when the original speaker had to pull out, took us on an exciting journey, over five centuries, illustrated beautifully with photos, starting with Balmbra's Music Hall and concluding with the Sage Gateshead, as the 21st Century landmark live music venue and also a centre for musical education for Gateshead, Newcastle and the North East, bringing world class artists, musicians and bands to our region.

We have been party to a rich musical culture in this area, for hundreds of years!

Joan Yarrow closed the meeting with a reminder of what is happening in the next few weeks and a prayer.

"All we have of freedom, all we use or know ... This our fathers bought for us long and long ago." Rudyard Kipling, The Old Issue A reminder for the next few weeks:

- Monday, 29th October at 7.30pm Grandad's War with Alison Houston
- Monday, November, 12th at 7.30pm African Adventures with Ann and Ray Hammond
- Monday, November, 26th at 7.30pm Cobles, Creels and Clogs with Hilary and Hazel.

An extra note for your diary - Saturday, 24th, November is St Andrew's Christmas Fair. The 58 Society organises and runs the cake stall at this event. Please could you bake a cake and bring it to the church, either on Friday afternoon or between 9 and 10am on Saturday, 24th November. Please could we have some volunteers to run the cake stall. Thank you.

FINALLY, PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE IS MONDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2018 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. 2 courses £16 or 3 courses £17.50. We eat well, have a quiz and sing carols. It is a lot of fun! We look forward to seeing you!

#### Celia Purves & Richard Varley

*Editor's note:* Celia produced a very comprehensive and interesting summary of Pat Lowery's presentation but for reasons of space I've not been able to include it. Please contact me or Celia if you would like a copy.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today." John Maxwell Edmonds DEATH

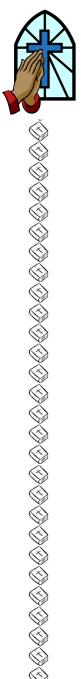
GREENWOOD On 9th September 2018, Lillian May, aged 86 years. Service and committal at Whitley Bay on 6th October, conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.



### Northern Synod Prayer Diary

4	PCM, their churches of the Central Presbytery and the Presbytery of the North. In these regions life can be very tough as resources are scarce. The Anglican Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson.
11	For world-wide peace and acts of Remembrance this week. Zion URC, Northallerton; Northgate URC, Darlington; Keld URC; Low Row URC; Revd Hilary and Revd Stephen Collinson.
18	International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. St Paul & St John's URC; St Margaret's URC, South Shields; St Andrew's URC, Hebburn; Revd Helen Drummond.
25	St Andrew's LEP (Methodist/URC), Benton; Revd Gavin Hume (Methodist); The Church of the Good Shepherd LEP (Anglican/Methodist/URC), Battle Hill; Revd Julie Mooney (Anglican).

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." Benjamin Disraeli, February 1849



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Monthly Duties			
Elders	Vestry: L.Cooke Reception: S.Ames Communion: M.Varley		
Stewards	C & A Ridley, J.Edwardson		
Flowers	Gillian, Susan A & Susan C		

Weekly Duties			
Sun 04-Nov-18	Readers: J.Jackson, V.Taylor Prayers of Concern: C.Hales	Organ: Helen	
Tues 06-Nov-18	Prayers: Kathleen		
Sun 11-Nov-18	Readers: Unif. Organisations, S. Anderson Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge	Organ: Pete	
Tues 13-Nov-18	Prayers: Barbara		
Sun 18-Nov-18	Readers: Jnr. Church, J.Blanchfield Prayers of Concern: Worship Ldr.	Organ: Hymnal	
Tues 20-Nov-18	Prayers: Carole		
Sun 25-Nov-18	Readers: J.MacLennan, T.Cooke Prayers of Concern: J. Durell	Organ: Paul	
Tues 27-Nov-18	Prayers: Sandra		

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov / Dec 2018

A short **Act of Worship** is held in the Church Foyer every Tuesday at 9.30am

OUR FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONCILIATION TAKES PLACE			
FROM 27 <sup>™</sup> OCTOBER UNTIL 11 <sup>™</sup> NOVEMBER.			
FOR DETAILS OF PROGRAMME PLEASE SEE CENTRE PAGESThursday1Exhibition open to the public (until 12 noon)10.00 am			
mursuay	1	Pastoral Team Meeting	7.30 pm
Sunday	4	Praise Service; The Praise Service team	9.30 pm
Sunuay	4	Prayer Group	9.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Douglas McFarlane	10.30 am 11.00 am
		Retirement Lunch for Revd Douglas McFarlane	
Tuesday	6	)	<b>12.30 pm</b> 10.00 am
Tuesday	6	Executive Team Meeting	
Friday	9	Friendship Club Festival Session	2.00 pm
Saturday	10	Ecumenical Act of Remembrance (Monkseaton)	11.00 am
Sunday	11	Remembrance/Parade Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Monday	12	Fifty Eight Society – 'African Adventure'	7.30 pm
Friday	16	Film Club – ''Testament of Youth'	2.00 pm
Sunday	18	Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Morning Worship and Church Meeting; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Tuesday	20	Finance & Development Fund Team Meetings	7.00 pm
Friday	23	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	24	Church Fair	10.00 am
Sunday	25	Morning Worship; Revd John Durell	11.00 am
Monday	26	Fifty Eight Society – 'Cobles, Creels and Clogs'	7.30 pm
		DECEMBER 2018	
Sunday	2	Praise Service; The Praise Service team	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		(Advent 1) Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Tuesday	4	Worship Group Meeting	7.30 pm
Thursday	6	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	7	Friendship Club Christmas Lunch 1.00 FOR	<u>1.30 pm</u>
Sunday	9	(Advent 2) Christmas Festival Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm