

Reflection – Remembrance Sunday 2024

'All wars are fought twice, the first time on the battlefield, the second time in memory'

Viet Thanh Nguyen

The quote above is from a book called 'Nothing Ever Dies: Vietnam and the Memory of War'. In it, the author examines how the same conflict is remembered differently by many varied countries and people. It's a powerful reflection on how we use our memories to make sense of the past and, crucially, how they can shape our present and future.

Memories can be traumatic. Countless servicemen and servicewomen, as well as civilians, have suffered the devastating effects of post traumatic stress disorder and many more live with the remembrance of loss.

Memories can also be a source of hope and of pride. We recall comradeship, heroism and the best of humanity shining through the direst circumstance.

As Christians, we are commanded by Jesus to celebrate the eucharist in memory of him: an act of remembrance which radiates hope for the world through the suffering, death and resurrection of the God who loves us in good times and bad.

On this Remembrance Sunday as we honour the sacrifice of those who have died or whose lives have been forever changed by war, may we use the experience and pain of the past to work together for a brighter future.

Revd Carys



NEXT SUNDAY 17.11.2024 2nd before Advent
10.30 in Church

READINGS: NT Daniel 12: 1-3



OT Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25

GOSPEL Mark 13: 1-8

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St Thomas, Exeter

10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

**10.50am at the War Memorial then into Church
for the regular Eucharist**

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

15 All my hope on God is founded

328 Make me a channel of your peace

366 O God, our help in ages past.

177 National anthem

Monday 11th November

11am Prayers around the War Memorial

Wednesday 13th November

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

5pm Standing Committee meeting via Zoom

Thursday 14th November

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

3-5pm Warm Space in the Hall *postponed*

Friday 15th November

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

Saturday 16th November

12noon-4pm Winter Festival in the church-
yard. Hall and Church

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 1: 14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

NOTICES

TALKWORKS can help! If you are feeling stressed, anxious, are experiencing ongoing low mood, or are having difficulty sleeping,

NHS TALKWORKS is a free, confidential, talking therapies service helping you to feel better and giving you the tools and techniques to improve your mental well-being.

0300 555 3344 Give us a call and see how we can support you. www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

The House Group meets fortnightly in someone's house to speak about our faith. Please speak to Ian, Helen or Mic if you would like to come and find out more.

Support for Pensions on Low Incomes

An estimated 880,000 low-income pensioner households eligible for pension credit currently fail to claim it and a deadline is approaching. The government says it is worth an average £3,900 a year, but it is also a gateway to other financial support such as winter fuel payments. If you know a pensioner on a low income, please encourage them to check if they could be eligible for pension credit. This can be done online through www.gov.uk/pension-credit:calculator or people can get advice via phone on weekdays 0800 99 1234

Warm Space returns on Thursdays, from 3pm in the Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet other people. A start date will be announced once the administration has been completed. **Also there are more spaces for people to volunteer. See Carys or Ian.** Watch this space for details.

