

Sunday 14th November 2021

Remembrance Sunday



We have two services in the cathedral today:

10am Service of Remembrance

3.30pm Requiem Eucharist

Whichever of our services you are able to be part of, please feel welcome as you join our worship.



Remember, remember in the month of November....

November is a month when we remember. We have celebrated the Feast of All Saints and commemorated our loved ones who have died on All Souls' Day. Now we come to the time when we remember especially those who have died in wars and in the service of their country and humanity. We shall have a time of silence as we remember them and names may be read of those who gave their lives that others might live.

To us, this might just seem a list of names, but it is important for us to remember that each one of these names is a person, just like us and possibly very young. Many of those who serve in war are ordinary people whose names are never widely known. Most don't make the headlines, but their names are inscribed on war memorials up and down the country as well as on the hearts of those who knew and loved them. They are, for the most part, simply ordinary men and women living ordinary lives until they get caught up in the worst of times, in a war.

You may have great-grandparents who remember the Second World War, or grandparents or parents who have served in conflicts since. Sometimes people are reluctant to talk about their experiences, but if they are willing to share their stories, they will be glad of your interest and you can learn a lot from them.

Did you know that, at the beginning of the Second World War, children from the cities were "evacuated" - sent away from their families to live in the country? This seems unimaginable to us now, but the last two years have shown us that extraordinary times sometimes call for extraordinary responses - and this was one of those. One 92-year old man, who still loves to tell his stories, was evacuated from London aged 9,

with his younger brother. He has very vivid memories of that time and, although it must have been so difficult, they seemed to enjoy themselves. However, the whole experience of war and evacuation has had a lasting effect on his whole life.

There are ordinary men and women who have left their homes and families to serve and there are others who have served in some way at home, but still suffered a great deal in war and conflict. There are people who work for peace – men, women and children who speak out, campaign, or try to make a difference where they live or in a part of the world they care about. There are people who pray – thousands of people who pray every day for those who are in the armed forces, for those who live in danger and for those who work for peace. All these people are ordinary boys and girls, women and men, whose names are often known to only a few.

Last week, we heard the story of Jesus calling his disciples to join him and make a difference. They were just ordinary people, but they were to discover that in whatever situation they found themselves, God was always with them, helping them, encouraging them, comforting them.

On Remembrance Sunday, you may see people wearing medals. Many people never get a visible medal, but the promise of God that nothing can separate us from his love is an invisible award, something that each of us can hold on to as we each continue in our own way to work for God's peace and love in the whole world.

Today, we pray for all those who gave their lives and we remember them.

You may hear this exhortation during our service today. Although it is commonly called The Kohima Epitaph, these words were not written to commemorate the battle at Kohima just before the end of the Second World War, but composed at the end of the First World War by a Cambridge classicist turned wartime code breaker named John Maxwell Edmonds.



*When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today*



REMEMBRANCE WORD SEARCH

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A poppy for you to colour

