



St Mary's Northchurch Newsletter



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Remembrance Sunday



The service at St Mary's on Remembrance Sunday will have a particular poignancy as we mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War. The reading of the names from the Northchurch War Memorial is a way of marking in this locality the profound impact of the conflict on communities across the country. We are hoping in St Mary's, thanks to the Parish Council, we will have a silhouette, that are being promoted under the heading, "There, but not there," to provide a visual image of the sense of loss that so many places across Europe would have felt in the months and years following the Armistice.

There have been many exhibitions across the country to mark this anniversary. At St Albans Cathedral images of poppies have been displayed across the Nave and there have also been concerts and displays. A few weeks ago I went to a concert in Wigginton called "No Petticoats Here." It told the story through original songs and readings the story of some inspirational woman in the First World War who refused sit back but took on active roles. The evening told the story of nurses, munitions' workers, journalists, spies, engineers, woman's football teams and also the life of Dorothy Lawrence, the only woman who as a reporter secretly posed as a man on the Western Front.

Dorothy as an aspiring journalist was determined to get to the "front of the front line," and in her journal said that she would see "what an ordinary English girl without credentials can achieve." She managed to get to Paris and then with the help of two soldiers on

leave, was able to get hold of a uniform and with forged papers start the transformation into Private Denis Smith of the Leicestershire Regiment. Her hair was cut, she rubbed fluids into her skin to darken her complexion and also to give the appearance of a shaving rash, then set out by bicycle for the front line. She served for ten days before worried that she might get those who were helping her into trouble she presented herself to the commanding sergeant and was arrested. She eventually made it back to England and wrote *Sapper Dorothy Lawrence: The Only English Woman Soldier*.

There are so many stories of the conflict and its impact. You are very welcome to come to the Remembrance Service that will start at 10.00am on November 11th and then end with the bugle and prayers by the War Memorial close to 11.00am. It is a time for reflection and to pray for peace and reconciliation.

Rev Jonathan Gordon



Remembrance Day Commemoration

Do you have family or friends who were active in the wars?

We'd love to include the stories of our local community and their family and friends in our commemoration this year. Please see Page 3 for further details.

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This month in November 1918

At 11.00am on Monday, 11th November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. To celebrate the news that the war with Germany was finally over, Northchurch High Street was soon full of cheering villagers, whilst further down the road factory whistles shrieked from East's Timber Yard in Gossoms End. A series of Services of Thanksgiving were hastily arranged by the Rector of St Mary's church, Revd. Reginald Henry Pope, with each one filling the church to capacity. Although an armistice had been signed, it was still no more than a cease-fire, and consequently it was possible for hostilities to restart at any time. The congregations in St Mary's that day therefore felt great relief, tinged with a little apprehension. Added to these thoughts was the continuing grief for those that had been killed. Others looked forward to the return of their menfolk.

Some fifty men from the village, or with strong village connections, had been killed or had died of disease since the start of the war back in August 1914. Others had returned severely wounded, not only in body, but in mind, with many never speaking of their experiences on the battlefield. Sadly, others were to die in the coming months and years as a result of wounds or disease acquired during their time in the armed forces.

November 1918 was consequently a time for the Northchurch villagers to remember the past and to celebrate the end of the war, but also to look forward with hope to an uncertain future.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Richard North

Right: Original War memorial in Northchurch (which dates from 1920), the base of which can still be seen in the churchyard near its replacement.

Below: Soldiers outside the old Pheasant Pub.

Photos: James Newman, 1918.

Thanks to Richard North for the use of the photos.



Remembrance Day Commemoration

Do you have family or friends who were active in the wars?

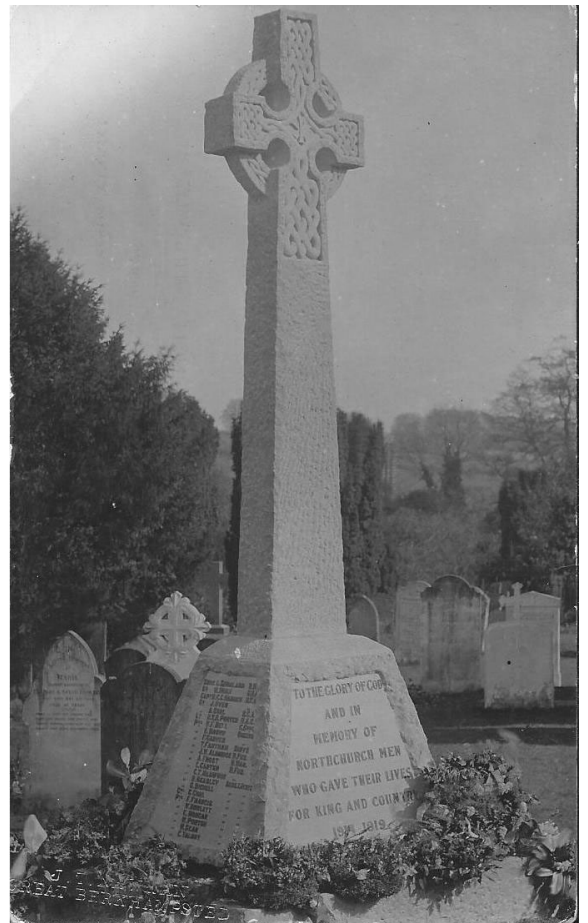
We'd love to include the stories of our local community and their family and friends in our commemoration this year. If you have photos and stories (from either World War or the subsequent conflicts) of family and friends who served overseas or at home, we would love to include them in a display in the Parish Rooms on Remembrance Sunday. They don't need to have been local to Northchurch at the time, we are looking to commemorate those who matter to our local community now.

Please provide a short description of their involvement and if possible a photo - we can take photocopies and return originals straight to you.

Please bring them:

- ✱ To St Mary's on Sunday 4th November or before 9am on 11th in an envelope with your details (name, address and phone number)
- ✱ To the Rectory - put them through the door in an envelope with your details; Call Rev Jonathan Gordon on 01442 871547 to arrange collection.

We look forward to seeing the stories and involving our community in Remembrance Day.



Can you explain what you did with it?

You may have heard recently about a woman who, over ten years, managed to spend £16 million at Harrod's. What sort of joy could that have brought her? We will never know.

Jesus was confronted by a rich man who asked him what he must do to inherit eternal life. When the man confirmed that he was already strict in keeping the commandments, Jesus invited him to give away his wealth and to follow him on his journey.

The rich man was coming from a comfortable place. He was a wealthy, religiously observant person. But he had the nagging awareness that one day it would all end. Should he stake everything on following Jesus? No doubt the ride would be bumpy, but what about the promise of eternal life?

For the rich man, the challenge was too great. He opted to stay in his comfort zone.

For most of us, the choice may seem less stark. But we still have to decide how to use whatever we have. Is our wealth just for us; or are we ready to put it at the service of God? Do we believe Jesus when he tells us that the more open-handed we are, the more we will get out of life? Do we dare to open up our lives by following Jesus down the road to eternal life? Or is it less risky to stay as we are.

The big-spending woman has been presented with an Unexplained Wealth Order: now she will have to explain how she came by all this money.

If we were to be presented with an Unexplained Use-of-Wealth Order, requiring us to show exactly what we did with the money that came our way, I wonder what picture it would show.

David White

Solemn bells – then sounding joyously!

People will have mixed emotions on Sunday 11th November this year. The tradition at St Mary's is that all the names on the War Memorial are read out in church as part of the service on Remembrance Day. Then the congregation leaves the church to gather round the War Memorial while the tenor bell is tolled. The bell stops at 11.00.

This year is 100 years on from the Armistice which ended the Great War. Mingled with remembrance will be celebration of peace – though perhaps celebration isn't quite the right word.


"What has this to do with bells?" you ask. Before the service, the bells will be half muffled, the tradition amongst bellringers for solemn occasions. Alternate bongs will be muffled, sounding softer than they usually do. The "How do you muffle half a bell?" might be your next question. It isn't the bell that is muffled, it is the clapper. Most of you know the pads skateboarders can strap to their knees and elbows, or gardeners might wear on their knees. A muffle for bells is rather like that. Somebody (guess who?) has to crawl under each bell and strap a muffle to each of the clappers. The muffle has to be fitted to the correct side of the clapper in order for the right effect – and that's not as simple as saying 'north' or 'west' because pairs of bells ring to each point of the compass.

With all the muffles on the right way round, you heard the bells ring one sequence joyously (the sound you hear on Sundays), followed by an 'echo'. (Imagine my embarrassment if, in the middle of the echo, there was one bright bong!) For me, the pæan of praise is followed







by the echo of a prayer. For others, the quiet sequence represents death, and resurrection is expressed in the bright sound.

There is a nationwide initiative for bells to ring joyously at 12.30 pm to mark the peace. For St Mary's to take part, I shall have to crawl under each bell after the service and take the muffles off! For safety's sake, we shall have rung the bells down before the service starts: an 'up' bell is precariously balanced and could easily swing dangerously if I tried to take muffles off with the bells in that position. Safety has to be paramount in the belfry.

Valerie Clark, Tower Captain



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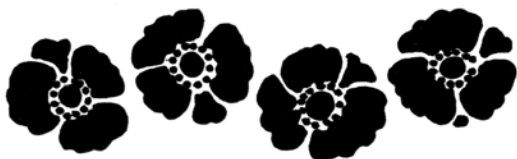
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for the Departed

11th November *Remembrance Sunday*

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Service of Remembrance
6.00pm Evening Prayer



18th November *Second before Advent*

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
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25th November *Christ the King*

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