

Minister's Musings November 2018

Dear Friends,

November is always a month when as Christians our thoughts turn to both time and eternity – and not least so in this special year.

Our service of **Thanksgiving and Remembering** takes place on **November 4th at 6pm** when we hold in our minds and prayers those who lived among us and have now passed through time to behold the eternal face of God. As we remember them we pray especially for those who continue to miss them deeply. If you are able, please come to support all who share in this moving and poignant occasion.

The following **Sunday November 11th** is both **Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day** marking this year of course the 100th anniversary of the ceasing of hostilities in World War 1. Numerous documentaries, plays, concerts and exhibitions have somehow brought these events closer to us in time and we shall remember with sadness all that makes for war, then as now, give thanks for every act of self-sacrifice that has been made on our behalf and commit ourselves to the eternal fight for justice and peace. Our morning service will be led by Ron Curtis and at **6.30pm (please note the time)** Enduring Legacy - musical and literary voices from the Great War – will take place within the context of worship with one of our church members, Stephanie Talbot, playing a leading role. Do come – it will be a fitting end to a significant day.

Christ the King Sunday, November 25th, is a relatively new “invention” introduced at the end of the Christian year to remind us that all things in time and eternity are, and will be, gathered up in Christ, and as we gather at our communion service at 1045 we shall remember that we are a part of that, one with Him who is Lord of Creation and rules over earth and heaven.

Someone once described November as a ‘thin’ month, not because little seemed to happen (and certainly not this year) but because starting with All Saints and ending with one saint – Andrew- we are reminded that time and eternity are not as different as we might suppose, and the veil is thin between them. In this month of remembering loved ones, brave ones and suffering ones, may Christ the Living One bring you strength and peace to love and serve Him at this time.

with love and prayers,

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