

PORTON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Showing Love, Showing Christ, Showing His Way

November 2018



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Dear Friends'

Once more it is Remembrance Sunday, only this year it is somewhat different as it falls on the 11th, and is the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice in 1918.

I grew up in the shadow of the Great War, as it was known. My uncles had served in France, and my mother's best friends had both lost their fiancés and, in one case her brother. At school, most of the older masters were ex-soldiers, with in some cases, the scars to prove it. The emphasis at Remembrance Services was, 'never again'.

But it did, and the day after my 14th Birthday, Hitler invaded Poland, and the whole world gradually became involved, with 6 years of suffering to follow. Once again, we pledged to forge a lasting peace; the United Nations was founded, but within a few years the Iron Curtain descended over Europe and the spectre of nuclear war raised its ugly head.

Add to that Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria, not to mention countless other conflicts, and we begin to wonder if mankind will ever learn. The temptation is to hold our hands up in horror and say, 'there's nothing I can do about it'. But, of course, there is. The chorus, 'Let there be peace on earth', ends with the words, 'Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me'.

Our role as Christians is to be peacemakers. Peacemakers in the home, at school, at work, with our neighbours and in our church. We can only do that if we keep close to the Prince of Peace himself, and follow His example.

Your Friend and Elder,

Douglas

Wendy's Spot

There will be no Tuesday meetings at PBC during the winter months but we will keep in touch with prayer requests by email. Copies for those who don't use email will be available.

November is an important month: firstly, on November 11th, we meet with the rest of the nation to commemorate the sacrifice given by many during world wars that we might have our freedom today.

On November 25th we meet for a shortened communion service at 10.30.am and at 5.00pm we look forward to the coming of Advent in our Darkness to Light celebration.

Trussel Trust

Whilst the response to the Harvest Appeal was truly remarkable, it is important that we keep up a steady flow of goods to Trussel as the demands on them will increase as the winter progresses.

For Prayer

Small Baptist

Please remember the following members of our 'Small Baptist' family, a network of churches with membership, mostly, in single figures.

28 Oct - 3	Bures, Suffolk	Ashdon, Nr. Saffron Walden, Essex
4 - 10	West Haddon Northants	Beech Hill, Reading, Berks
11 - 17	Tabernacle, Pen-y-garn, Pontypool	Porton, Nr Salisbury
18 - 23	Dyke, Nr. Bourne, Lincs	Windley, Nr. Belper, Derbyshire
24 - 1 Dec	Holbeach, Nr., Spalding, Lincs	Drayton Parslow, Nr. Milton Keynes, Bucks

These are small churches witnessing God's message in their communities. Details of their prayer needs can be found in the small Baptist leaflet in church.

Worldwide

The continuing conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and South Sudan; the millions of refugees, inside and outside Syria; the countries of the EU as they strive to deal with the influx. The aftermath of the hurricanes in the USA; for the victims and their families; for the survivors and the Aid Agencies.

Missionary

Missionaries in the difficult and dangerous places of the world; the headquarters staff of BMS World Mission.

National

The Government and Opposition as they seek to reach a satisfactory conclusion to the Brexit negotiations.

Local

The Porton Down establishments and those who work there; the Parish Council. Peter Ostli-East and the Bourne Valley Team; our Methodist friends.

The Church and Friends

The Leadership as they meet on Nov 12th to plan the future church programme; those of the Fellowship with continuing health problems; our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; our visiting preachers.

Birthdays

9th Steven 10th Jean.

CHURCH CALENDAR
November 2018

Sunday	4 th	7pm	Morning Service – Revd. Paul Corson
Sunday	11 th	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service – John Lodge
Monday	12 th	7pm	Leaders' Meeting
Wednesday	14 th	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship – Members 'Bring and Share'
Sunday	18 th	10.30am	Morning Service – Revd. Russell Harrison
Sunday	25 th	7pm	Communion Service – Wendy Searle

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