

Sunday 10th November 2024

This week's service

10:45 Remembrance Sunday
led by Sean O'Toole



This week's reading



John 15:9-17

A thought from Sean

The Great War was to be the war that ended all wars. Sadly, we know all too well that wars never seem to cease. On this Remembrance Day we honour those who have sacrificed their lives so that we might live in peace and freedom. I'm sure we are all seeking peace not just across the world but also in our hearts. But how can we have true peace?

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' (John 14:27) The Bible teaches us that peace is a blessing. That blessing is only truly fulfilled when we put our complete trust in God.

Prayer for the week

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

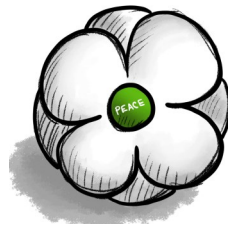
Thank you everyone

who knitted, crocheted or hand-crafted over 200 poppies for our Remembrance Display. As well as the red poppies we also have some purple and white ones.

The poppies at the font commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

What does the white poppy mean?

White poppies were first produced in 1933 in the aftermath of the First World War, by members of the Co-operative Women's Guild. Many of these women had lost family and friends in the First World War. They wanted to hold on to the key message of Remembrance Day, 'never again'.



White poppies stand for three things:

Remembrance of all victims of war, including both civilians and members of the armed forces.

Challenging war and militarism, as well as any attempt to glorify or celebrate war.

A commitment to peace and to seeking nonviolent solutions to conflict.

What does the purple poppy mean?



The purple poppy was introduced by the charity Animal Aid in 2006.

Rather than being associated with humans who have died while serving, the purple poppy is in remembrance of animals that lost their lives at war. The charity started the appeal because it felt the animals that die at war – which tend to mostly be horses and dogs – are often forgotten.

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 14th November
10:30 Coffee & Conversation
 at Gresley Community Centre

Sunday 17th November
10:45 Holy Communion
 led by Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 24th November
10:45 Morning Worship

Sunday 1st December
10:45 Advent Sunday Gift Service
 led by Sean O'Toole

Sunday 8th December
10:45 Advent Sunday Service
 led by Debbie Patrick

Sunday 15th December
10:45 Holy Communion
 led by Rev Mike Firbank
7pm Sunday Night Live
 Informal Christmas Music

Sunday 22nd December
4pm Carol Service
 Storm 10 playing traditional carols

Christmas Eve 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Communion
 led by Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 29th December
10:00 Joint Minster Service at Gresley
 followed by walk and a soup lunch

Our New Look Cleaning Rota

A few weeks ago we asked everyone which jobs in the church they would be able to sign up for. Here is the rota that Sandra has drawn up using the information from those lists.

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| Nov 17 th | Deb & Nige | Whole church |
| Nov 24 th | Brian Redfern | Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle |
| " " | Bill | Brasses |
| Dec 1 st | Christine G | Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch |
| Dec 8 th | Friday house group | Whole church, including brasses |
| Dec 15 th | Jeff | Main body |
| " " | Brian A | Sweeping porch |
| Dec 22 nd | Deb & Nige | Whole church |
| Dec 29 th | Brian Redfern | Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle |
| " " | Bill | Brasses |

Reading, Intercessions & Refreshments Rota

| | Reading | Intercessions | Tea / Coffee |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nov 10 th | John | Debbie | Carol |
| Nov 17 th | Sam | Sean | Gwen |
| Nov 24 th | Paul | Brian R | Deb W |
| Dec 1 st | Brian R | Christine | James |
| Dec 8 th | Sam | Sean | Maxine & Jane |
| Dec 15 th | Alison | Brian R | Carol |
| Dec 22 nd | CAROL SERVICE | | |
| Dec 29 th | JOINT MINSTER SERVICE AT GRESLEY | | |

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Thursday 14th November
Goseley Community Centre
10:30 - 12 noon



- An opportunity
- to chat
 - to meet friends
 - to ask questions
 - to pray
 - or simply to sit and rest

We meet on
2nd and 4th
Thursday
 each month

ALL
WELCOME



Swadlincote & District
YOUTH
FOR CHRIST

Could you bless a teenager this Christmas?
 We are looking for gift cards and selection boxes to distribute to young people in Swadlincote. Please bring them to the gift service on 1st December. Gift cards with a value of £10 or £15 please for any of the following:

- One for All (available in supermarkets and the post office)
- Primark
- JD Sports
- Boots
- Greggs

Selection boxes for sweets or chocolate.
 Thank you.