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## 100 Years To Forget



This Remembrance Sunday will mark the centenary of the Armistice which brought the curtain down on "the War to end all wars." The terms were agreed at 5.00am in a railway carriage by representatives of the French, British and German forces, with the ceasefire coming into effect at 11.00am. Although news of the imminent ceasefire had spread among the forces at the front in the hours before, fighting in many sections of the front continued right until the appointed hour. At 11.00am there was some spontaneous fraternization between the two sides. But in general, reactions were muted. A British corporal reported: "...the Germans came from their trenches, bowed to us and then went away. That was it. There was nothing with which we could celebrate, except cookies." On the Allied side, euphoria and exultation were rare. There was some cheering and applause, but the dominant feeling was silence and emptiness after 52 exhausting months of war.

The terms of the armistice, largely written by the Allied Supreme Commander, Marshal Ferdinand Foch, included the cessation of hostilities, the withdrawal of German forces behind the Rhine, the release of Allied prisoners of war, the surrender of aircraft, warships, and eventual reparations. It was really a non-negotiable admission of German defeat without any agreement to release German prisoners or to relax the naval blockade of Germany.

Some historians have seen the Second World War as the continuation of the first after an intermission of twenty years. Certainly Adolf Hitler, a Lance-corporal in the German Army in 1918, was determined to reverse history. Indeed in June 1940 Hitler himself received the unconditional surrender of France in the same railway carriage in which the 1918 armistice was signed.

So while quite rightly we remember the fallen of the Great War on 11th November each year, sadly it is not a century of peace that we celebrate. On this day we now also have to remember the brave and courageous who have died in further conflicts for their country and for freedom. The extraordinary sacrifice and loss *continued overleaf*

### Cranfield Remembers

This book commemorates the 43 servicemen named on the Cranfield War Memorial who gave their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918. It tells the stories behind the names and weaves them into the story of the war itself.



The cost for this hard-back limited edition is £10 with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

To order your copy please contact Dr Marjorie Cotton on 01234 750025 or email [marjorie.cotton@btinternet.com](mailto:marjorie.cotton@btinternet.com)

# 100 Years To Forget

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of the First World War that would seem to be the most compelling argument for peace amongst the nations has not saved us from a century of strife: The Falklands, Northern Ireland, The Gulf wars, Afghanistan, and terrorist incidents in major cities. On the news we hear of Syria, and the Yemen. It is claimed that there has not been a single day of peace throughout the world (counting civil war as well as national conflict) since 1918. Whilst the heroism and honour of many who have given their lives is properly remembered, the greed, brutality and selfishness of the human heart cannot be understated. War is perhaps the extreme manifestation of such impulses – but they are with us all the time. Unless we counter them as individuals we can scarcely hope to overcome them in wider society.

As we pray for peace in the years ahead, ‘the Kingdom of God’ which Jesus spoke about continues to challenge us all.

*Hugh Symes-Thompson*

## PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

This month, please pray for:

- ◆ The residents of Wharley End and Bourne End;
- ◆ University students;
- ◆ Willen Hospice;
- ◆ The people of Afghanistan and Pakistan.



## 2 X Christingle!

This year we will be holding TWO Christingle Services on Advent Sunday 2nd December:

The Early Service will start at **3.30pm**  
and the Evening Service at **5.30pm**.



Last year we could only just fit into church using all the available space. So, with the village growing in population and Health & Safety as a key concern (for young people with Christingles!), we have decided it is best to split into two. The 3.30pm Early Service will no doubt suit families with younger children (particularly the under-fives) and the Evening Service at 5.30pm will follow the turning on of the lights in Court Road.

As usual, the singing and Bible readings will focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and the distribution of Christingle Oranges reminds us of this. The other purpose of the service is to raise funds for The Children’s Society and we are providing candle-shaped collection tubes to encourage this. These can be handed in during the collection for the welfare of needy children.

## Working Party

On Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> November there will be a church working party. Inside the church we need to clean the balcony and children’s room - Books need to be sorted, cobwebs attacked, pews polished and cupboards tidied. Outside there are drains to be cleared, steps swept and leaves removed. The more that turn up the more fun we have so come and join in. All are welcome.



# Strange Happenings On The Church Tower

You may have noticed some strange happenings on the church tower. Certainly the children from St Peter and St Paul campuses saw some men abseiling from the tower while on their way to their harvest celebration service. This was all to do with the installation of bird netting to the outside of the tower louvre windows.



For some time now, crows have been forcing their way past the installed chicken wire and into the tower to nest and roost. Not only was this distressing to the birds since they could become trapped, but it also created fouling in the tower and damage to the bells.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a member of the congregation, we have now been able to install proper bird-proof netting to the outside of the louvres that will prevent the birds from entering the tower again.

We enjoyed a visit from the Bishop of Bedford on Sunday 14th October. Bishop Richard preached and then stayed after the service for a lively 'grill-a-bishop' question time. He is pictured here with churchwardens Andrew Pearson and Jo Stannage.

*A Merry Christmas*

**ounds Familiar**  
Community Choir

**Ring In**  
**Christmas**

At Cranfield Parish Church

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>. December 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available on the door: £7.50 per head

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Arranged by The Friends of the Church

In aid of the  
**Church Restoration Fund**

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## Pew Top Sale

**Saturday 3rd November 2018**

**10.00am – 12.00 noon**

**Cranfield Parish Church**

*By the Friends of the  
Parish Church,  
in aid of Church Restoration*

# DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Thursday 1st	10.30am 7.30pm	Bible Study (& following Thursdays) Bellringing Practice (and every Thursday)	The Rectory Cranfield Church
Saturday 3rd	10.00am 10am-Noon	Remembrance Parade Rehearsal Pew Top Sale	War Memorial Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 12 Noon	Holy Communion University Service, followed by Prayers in Church	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	"Sounds Familiar" (and every Tuesday)	Baptist Church
Friday 9th	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson (Tel: 751358)	1 Walk House Close
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	9.15am 10.30am 11.15am	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion Remembrance Parade, followed by Remembrance Service	Salford Church War Memorial Cranfield Church
Saturday 17th	10am-Noon	Church & Churchyard Work Party	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Family Service	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Monday 19th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Church Room
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 28th	Afternoon & Evening	Advent Wreath Making	Cranfield Church
Thursday 29th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod Meeting	Christ Church, Bedford
Friday 30th	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson (Tel: 751358)	7 East Hills
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Saturday 1st	7.00pm	Sounds Familiar Christmas Concert	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	8.00am 10.30am 3.30pm 5.30pm	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion University Service Early <b>Christingle Service</b> Evening <b>Christingle Service</b>	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church