



Dear all,

Living in relationship is the way God has created humanity – we need each other as much as we need God, in order to live life as He intended. From these relationships come experiences and memories are made, many of which we treasure in our hearts.

This last week has been the annual focus remembering those who have given their lives for our freedom today – the War Memorials found throughout this country in so many villages, towns and cities is a stark reminder of the cost of war. For many of us, these will be but names, yet we need to remember their sacrifice made for us today. At the same time, we continue to remember those who risk their lives daily in the fight against evil around the world.

In our remembering, let us also remember the greatest sacrifice made by our Lord Jesus Christ – he who left the splendours of heaven, being born into poverty, experiencing the whole range of human emotion, who suffered, died and rose again for each of us, so we can be reconciled to God. Jesus, who gives us a sure and certain hope for the future, both now and for all eternity.

As Graham Kendrick once wrote: *Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible in frailty appears. Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity, to the heights of His throne. O what a mystery, meekness and majesty Bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

#### **Church News:**

- **Sunday's Service**

This will be live-streamed as usual, but with a few service participants in attendance only. Please do join the service on either Facebook or Youtube.

- **Zoom ‘Zoffee and Zea’ returns this Sunday**  
Do join us for a time of catching up with each other at 11:30am on Zoom this Sunday. Contact me for more information.
- **Wednesday’s Private Prayer**  
During lockdown, the Church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. There will be Prayers and Verses of Scripture displayed on the screens in church and a self-service Communion Point (using individual wafer/grape juice pre-packaged consecrated Communion sets) so please do join us. Just turn up or [book your ticket here.](#)
- **Christingle @ Home Event**  
Orders for the Christingle Making Kits are coming in fast – ensure you don’t miss out. Kits costing £1.50 each will be dropped off on your doorstep and there will be a pre-recorded Facebook / YouTube video for you to watch. Once completed you can take a photo of your completed Christingle and send to us so we can include these in our Sunday live-stream Service. To find out more details and to book your Christingle Making Kits, [please click here.](#) Do join us for this.
- **Creation Care Update**  
Do visit the Church’s website to learn more about Creation Care and St Mary’s response [by clicking here.](#) Read the latest Winter 2020 Creation Care Newsletter [by clicking here.](#)
- **Operation Christmas Child – Christmas Shoeboxes**  
Christmas Shoeboxes can be delivered to the vicarage during November. Alternatively, you can complete a box online (cost £20) [by clicking here.](#)

Under Aslan’s paw,

Tim

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