

Building communities of wholeness with Christ at the centre.



St Mary's



All Saints'



St Giles

Minister's Letter



What price a Poppy?

'In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.'

MacRae's 'In Flanders Field' is for me one of the most evocative of all the war poems, written as a result of the searing experience of modern warfare on the Western Front during the Great War of 1914 – 1918. And each year I am moved when, at the end of the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall, thousands of paper poppies float silently and gently down from the ceiling upon the heads and shoulders of the young men and women of today's armed forces who stand in mute tribute to the fallen of the wars of the last century and this.

The blood red poppy which grew in such profusion on the battlefields of Northern France 90 years ago was, of course, to be adopted as the symbol of the Haig Fund when money began to be collected by the then British Legion, now the Royal British Legion, to help ex servicemen and women and their families who fell upon hard times as a result of their wartime experiences. 'Poppy sellers' appear in public places at this time of year and people wear their poppies both as an act of remembrance and civic pride in our nation. There is a certain irony, then, that members of HM's Armed Forces are fighting once more over an area festooned with poppy fields. Not this time close-to-home Northern France, but far away and distant Afghanistan. Here the poppy, far from being an indigenous flower that grows naturally, is the cornerstone of the local economy, bringing money to some of the poorest farmers in the world and providing the basis of the drugs that feed the habits of degeneration in the modern Western world.

It is a common experience of troops over the centuries to feel that they have been forgotten by those at home. Remember the 'Forgotten Army' under Windgate who brought victory against the Japanese in Burma or those ex prisoner's of war of the Japanese whose experiences was so beyond anything others experienced in different theatres they felt that people 'didn't understand'.

In our modern day instant image society it would seem contradictory to say that our troops fighting overseas have been forgotten. We see pictures everyday. Yet, in the mass mobilizations of the two world wars of the last century most people 'did their bit' and thousands of families were touched by the loss or disablement of loved ones. We cannot say our nation is so engaged as that.

The fighting this year in Helmund province has been the most intense for British troops in the last half century. Brutal, bloody and costly. What price a poppy? High, very high and as on the plains of France, so too on the plains of Afghanistan it is the young of our nation who pay it. Wear your poppy with extra pride this year, for the brave and the fallen of previous generations and this.

Canon Andrew Evans.

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: www.firstSunday@11.00 on 4 November in Hullavington
: Looking forward to seeing you for coffee and cake from
: 10.30 followed by informal worship. In our next "First Sun-
: day", we'll be looking at the blessings we have alongside
: the world's poverty. An opportunity to reflect, pray and see
: what God is doing in poverty stricken areas.
: www.firstSunday@11.00 is on the first Sunday of every
: month at St Mary's, Hullavington. It is an informal service
: welcoming anyone of any age with any or no previous ex-
: perience of church.
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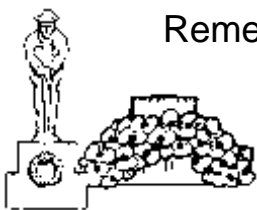
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“Be part of a miracle” - a Tear Fund initiative for Global Poverty Prayer Week

Come and join thousands of rich and poor churches across the world, united in one cry to our incredible God. We're asking God to use the church as his answer to poverty.

Global poverty prayer week runs from Monday 12th November to Sunday 18th. There will be displays throughout the week in St. Mary Magdalene, Hullavington, highlighting areas of extreme poverty around the world and what we can do to make a difference. Tear Fund's aim is to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. In ten years.

On Monday there will be a dedicated Day of Prayer in St Mary's when from 9.00am to 7.00pm the displays will be manned, DVD's running and refreshments available. Please try and drop in either on the Monday or when you are able throughout the week. Join with us wherever you are in being part of a miracle and praying to change world poverty.



**Remembrance Sunday Worship
11th November, 2007**

Foxley: Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance
11.00 am.

Hullavington: Service of Remembrance, 10.50am.

Luckington and Alderton: Service of Remembrance,
11.00 am.

Sherston: Act of Remembrance at Lynch Gate at
10.35 am. followed by Service of Remembrance at
10.45 am.

Stanton St. Quintin: An Evening Service of the
Word for Remembrance Sunday, 6.00 pm.
(A quiet and reflective service of remembrance)

Please arrive in plenty of time for these acts of worship.

We are honoured to have members of 90 Sqdn and 84 Medical Sqdn of 9 Regiment Royal Logistical Corps, our locally based regiment, with us at Hullavington and Sherston this year.

‘At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.’

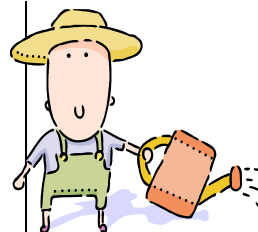


Sherston has an active branch of the Mothers Union which meets in Sherston Church once a month at 7pm on a Thursday. They welcome any visitors.

This month Mrs Pat Smith and Mrs Pat Whitehouse will be Opening the Book on November 15th.

For further information please contact Pat Whitehouse on 840640

A big THANK YOU from Nick Fry for all the prayers, messages of support and good wishes he had while he was "under the weather" recently. Nick is much better now and Eileen is relieved to have her husband



**ST. GILES
LIVING
CHURCHYARD
PROJECT.**

Our last meeting for 2007 will take place on Saturday November 17th between 09.30 and 12.00. On the final practical work session, we carry out our annual tidy up. So there is plenty to do, anyone with some time to spare to help will be welcome. Tools provided also refreshments and fellowship. For any further information contact IVAN 01249 657684 or LIZ 01666 837921.

Test your knowledge and have fun!!

Saturday 24th November
at 7.30 pm

Another great Quiz in
Stanton St Quintin Church Hall
Teams of 4 -6

£6.50 per person to include hot supper

Bring your own drinks

Tickets from Angela on 837478 or
Hilary on 837850.

Services in November

Hullavington

4th 11 am www.firstSunday@11
6 pm Evensong
10th (Sat) 10am-1pm Gift Day in church
11th 10.50 am Remembrance Service
18th 11 am Morning Praise
25th 11 am All Age Family

Norton

4th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Stanton St Quintin

4th 11 am Morning Praise
11th 6 pm Remembrance Service
18th 9.30 am Holy Communion
25th 6 pm Holy Communion

Alderton

11th 11 am Joint with Luckington

Easton Grey

4th 9 am Matins
18th 9 am Holy Communion

Foxley

11th 11 am Holy Communion and Act
of Remembrance
25th 9.30 am Family Service

Luckington

4th 11 am Family Communion
11th 11 am Remembrance Service
18th 11 am All Age Family
25th 11 am Holy Communion

Sherston

4th 8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
6 pm Evensong
11th 8 am Holy Communion
11 am Remembrance Service
6 pm Evensong
18th 8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Service
6 pm Holy Communion
25th 8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
6 pm Evensong

Deadline for contributions to the October edition of the Net is **Monday 12th November** - please email your copy to the_net@hotmail.co.uk

Mustard Seeds

The regular meeting for young Christians now takes place on Wednesdays during term time from 4.30pm till 5.30pm. We start with a drink and a biscuit then have time for worship, songs, craft and games. So if you are age 5



or more why don't you come along to Hullavington Church on Wednesday at 4.30pm and see what it's all about?

For more details ring Alison 837661.



A date for your diary.....

Carols and Punch

2nd December 6.30pm

At Holly House, Hullavington



Don't forget...

Coffee at Serendipity

Every Friday morning from 10 until 12 Noon at Serendipity B&B, the Street, Hullavington.

Mustard Seeds

In Hullavington Church at 4.30 pm on Wednesdays. For more information, contact Alison on 01666 837661.

Golden Threads

On the last Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm. For more information, contact Elaine on 01666 837338 or Alison on 01666 837661.

Deuteronomy

Youth Group meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Clare 01666 837249.

Small Groups

Meet every Tuesday in Hullavington at 12.45 pm or 8 pm on Tuesday and in Stanton at 8 pm on Tuesdays. For more information, contact Henny on 01666 837778.



The Church of England, Diocese of Bristol
North Wiltshire Deanery and Parish Groups Office
Canon Andrew Evans, Area Dean

An Office Administrator is required
for the new deanery office for North Wiltshire
and to provide administrative support for the
Area Dean, the Gauzebrook Group of Parishes, and
Braydon Brook Churches.

This is an exciting and challenging new post located in the newly completed office in the Old Squash Court, at Holloway, Malmesbury

21 hours per week - 15 hours to be paid at £7.50 per hour and 6 additional hours a week at £9.00 per hour, with actual hours between 9.00am-5.00pm, Monday - Friday negotiable. (Applications invited for either or both positions)

A successful applicant will have:

Have good communication skills Be skilled in computer applications including Microsoft Office Be able to work both within a team and independently Be welcoming, flexible and understand the need for confidentiality Desire to support and enable the mission and ministry of the Church.
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For further details please write to:
Revd. Eve Pegler, The Vicarage, Green Lane, Sherston, Wilts SN16 0NP
Telephone: 01666 840654, e-mail: evepegler@tiscali.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd November 2007
Interviews: Friday 30th November 2007
Start date: As soon as Possible thereafter

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