

REMEMBRANCE



WORD OF THE WEEK JESUS BRINGS LAZARUS TO LIFE

When Jesus got to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many people had come from the city to comfort Martha and Mary because their brother had died. When Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Yet even now I know that God will do anything you ask.” Jesus told her, “Your brother will live again!” Martha answered, “I know that he will be raised to life on the last day, when all the dead are raised.” Jesus then said, “I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in me will never really die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord!” she replied. “I believe that you are Christ, the Son of God. You are the one we hoped would come into the world.”

Something to talk about...

Read the Gospel passage again:

- How would you respond to Jesus' question: "Do you believe this?"
- What is hope? What does this story teach us about hope?
- In the Beatitudes Jesus said: "Blessed are those who mourn." Why might he have said this?

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

THURSDAY....

There will be a short Service of Remembrance at 12:35pm in the Arts Theatre. All very welcome.



FRIDAY....

(11th November) we will hold the traditional minute's silence to commemorate the end of the First World War, and to remember all those who have been killed in wars and conflicts throughout the world.

November 11
is a day we
remember.



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Something to think about...

November is the traditional time when we remember our friends and loved one who have gone before us. Whenever someone we love dies, our sadness reminds us just how precious life is. Our life is a gift from God, and we are called to use it to touch the lives of others. In our Christian faith, we believe that when someone dies, their life is not ended - it is merely changed! How right it is, then, that we remember those who have died in the season of Autumn, when the leaves on the trees wither and die, only to make way for the new life still to come. At this time we particularly remember those killed in war and conflict around the world. Let us use this time to pray for peace in our troubled world, especially for an end to the dreadful conflict in Syria, and the Middle East. Let us pray that we be given the same faith as Martha in our Gospel passage, who looked to Jesus for hope and comfort when faced with sorrow.

SOMETHING TO DO...

THIS WEEK YOU MIGHT WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN PRAYER REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY. IN THE CHAPEL THERE WILL BE A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR YOU TO WRITE THE NAMES OF FRIENDS OR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED. WE WILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO ATTEND OUR SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ON THURSDAY AT LUNCHTIME (12:35PM) IN THE ARTS THEATRE, WHERE WE WILL PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED, AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD.

Prayer for the week...

Lead us from **Death** to **Life**

From **Falsehood** to **Truth**

From **Fear** to **Trust**.

Lead us from **Hate** to **Love**

And from **War** to **Peace**.

Let peace fill our **hearts**, our **world**, our **universe**. Amen.



(Universal Peace Prayer)