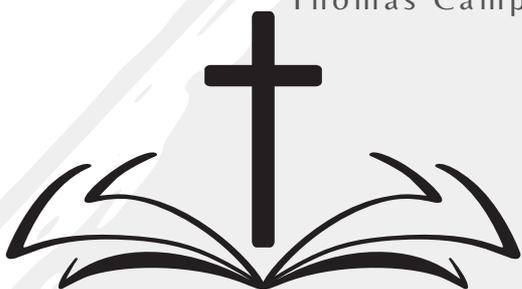


# REMEMBRANCE

“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.”

Thomas Campbell (Scottish Poet)



## WORD OF THE WEEK

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

There is a time for everything,  
 and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
 A time to be born and a time to die,  
 a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
 a time to kil and a time to heal,  
 a time to tear down and a time to dance,  
 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
 a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
 a time to search and a time to give up,  
 a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
 a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
 a time to love and a time to hate,  
 a time for war and a time for peace.



### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,  
 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.

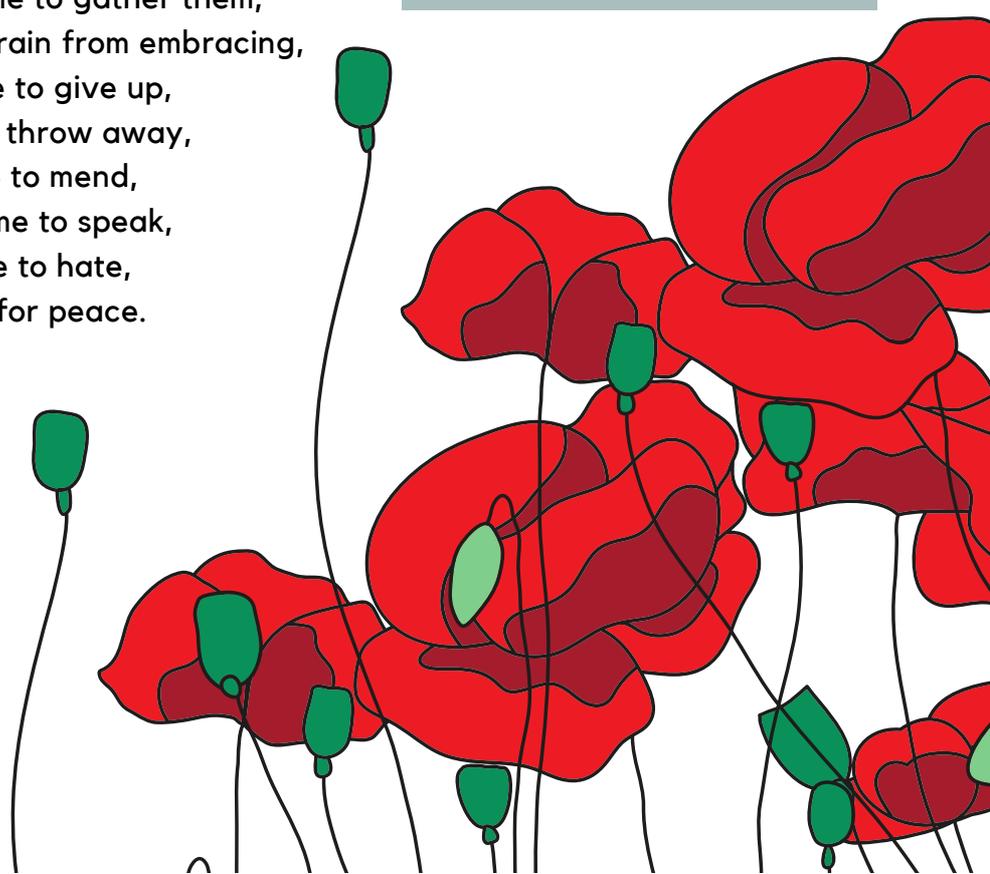


### *A time to remember...*

Why is it important to remember those who have passed away?

How would you want people to remember you?

Why might the words of this week's reading bring comfort to people who are mourning?



## 11th November- Remembrance Day



It's hard for us to imagine the full horror of what so many have been through in war but it is vital that we try, for only then can we appreciate all we owe to the millions we remember this week, and so understand the importance of maintaining peace for future generations. In the silence of your hearts, think and pray about what you can do today to promote peace.

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month was the official ending of the First World War. Remembrance Sunday is always the Sunday nearest to the 11th November.

On this day, and on the 11th of November itself, poppies are worn and wreaths of poppies are laid at memorials, as a reminder of the fields of poppies in northern France where many soldiers were killed in the First World War.

On the 11th we keep two minutes silence out of respect for the dead of the two world wars as well as more recent conflicts.



### *A time for silence*

Take sometime this morning to be silent now and reflect on these words about peace.

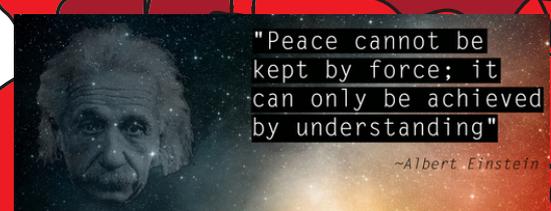
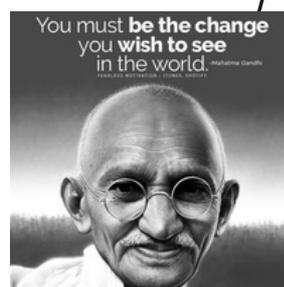
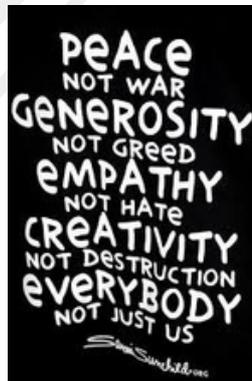
There are places all over our world at the moment that aren't peaceful. Let us pray this morning for peace to reign over Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, and anywhere effected by war at this time.



## *"Not ended, but changed."*

November is the traditional time when we remember our friends and loved ones 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.

With this in mind, you will find in your form folders an envelope of paper leaves. We invite you all to take a leaf and write the name of a loved one, friend or someone you admire who has died, as a way of remembering them and remembering that their life has not ended but changed. These leaves will be placed on our remembrance tree near the general office, so that those walking past will be able to remember and pray for those who have died.



### *Something to listen to...*

*Only Remembered - War Horse*  
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