

All Saints' Marcham with St. Luke's Garford

Remember, Remember The Fifth of November ...

For many families the first weekend in November will be a time of great fun with fireworks, bonfire and a Guy. It's an extraordinary way to remember one passing event in our history, the Gunpowder Plot, from over four hundred years ago. It's cause is rarely remembered but it has remained in our popular imagination and makes sure the attempt to blow up Parliament in 1605 is part of our children's awareness from an early age.

For many the weekend which follows has a meaning which is much more significant and more personal. Remembrance Sunday carries with it painful memories and loss for many people. All of us know someone who served in one of the many wars of the twentieth century or is on active service today. As the years pass and the memories fade it is still too soon in our history to make our remembrance in anything like the popular way of the weekend before.

"Lest we forget" is a poignant reminder of lives lost, of families devastated, of parents and grandparents disabled. An important part of our remembering is to tell our children and our children's children. The Two World Wars have already become part of our nation's history (even if some of us lived through WW2) but, sadly, some of our lives have since been deeply touched by conflicts in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Our armed forces have not been allowed to rest for long between insurgencies, wars and peacekeeping, expected to adapt quickly from on part of the world to another. But we have lived for two generations in our islands without the direct threat of invasion. For that reason our Remembrance Sunday commemoration includes thanksgiving not only for past victories but for our present peace and safety. As well as remembering those who gave their lives in two great wars and service we shall pray for those who continue to risk their lives now for the protection of others as well as ourselves.

Sunday 12 November 10am at All Saints' Church.

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*Sundays at All Saints' 10am and 6pm**

** see below for 5 November
children's groups and crèche at 10am*

5 November

8am Holy Communion
3pm Evensong for All Saints'
at St. Helen's, Abingdon
no service in Marcham at 6pm

12 November

10am Remembrance Parade
*including two minutes' silence and
wreath laying at the War Memorial*

19 November

Fairtrade Stall at 10am

3 December

8am Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship

Sundays at St. Luke's

5 November, 3 December
10 30am Holy Communion

Through the Week

Mondays

8pm 'The Way of Life' course
at 1 All Saints Close

Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion *Duffield Place*
12 noon Café
Sports' Scouts' & Social Club

Thursdays

9 30am Prayers at church
6pm Choir from 23 November
in preparation for Christmas

Fridays

4pm JAM Club (Years 7/8) *Portacabin*
5 30pm Friday Club at church
for primary age children

Saturdays

8 30pm Men's Breakfast
Sports' Scouts & Social Club
4 November, 2 December