

Regular Tributes leading up to Remembrance Day 2018: Over the past year, we have been paying tribute to those who fell in the First World War, with special services remembering each of the 12 local men who feature on our War Memorial. Their names are: Timothy Benson, John Churchman, Robert G Hutchinson, Thomas Jackson, Henry Keenan, Richard Edgar Newsham, John Pearson, Thomas Preston, William Gray Rawlinson, Herbert Shread, Frank Wilkin, and John Pattinson. Our final special service was on October 14th.

When these 12 names are read out again on November 11th it will be especially poignant, as we have come to know so much more about their individual stories. Many thanks to Howard Martin for all his efforts in researching so thoroughly and publishing such informative pages online (<https://sites.google.com/site/cartmelvalleywarmemorials/>).

We would also like to offer all in the parish an opportunity to place in our church memorials to forebears who lost their lives in the First World War. (They don't have to be local men.) We are thinking along the lines of a photograph and some text which could be placed on the window sills. It is also possible to download commemorative certificates from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website [www.cwgc.org]. Please contact Ben (07741496203) for more details.

Communities nation-wide are making a real effort to mark this year's centenary of the Armistice. Please join us for this special Remembrance.

The Parish of St Peter's Field Broughton



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Celebrating Harvest

Harvest Festival is the time of year when we give thanks for the earth that sustains us, and for all who are engaged in working with its raw materials enabling us to live.

At the time of writing a report has stated that in the UK, as a population, we buy the most new clothes of any country in Europe. This is having an adverse effect in that we are filling our landfill sites with discarded clothing. As a result chemicals from our clothing are entering the natural water system and having a negative impact on marine wild life.

Jesus asks us to consider: 'Why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.'

I do not believe that Jesus is asking us to be reckless and not to take responsibility for ourselves. We have been given intelligence to make decisions. Jesus is not saying abandon all responsibility, but trust in the belief that God cares for each one of us, as God does for all of creation.

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Seek after the Kingdom of God and follow this pattern for living. It is ok to have new things, new clothes, but what is our motivation and what will be the impact on the planet.

As we give thanks for the Harvest, and for farmers and agricultural workers, may I suggest that we consider that we are wonderfully made by a Creator God, who has equipped us with such good gifts to be wise stewards.

The task may seem remote or over-whelming, but if as a community we do what we can, this can make a real difference, as we seek to be wise stewards of creation.

Thank you for reading. Blessings to you at this Harvest time.

Nick Devenish

What's been happening in the Parish?

Harvest Festival: A congregation of about 30 gathered for Sunday worship on October 7th to celebrate our Harvest Festival. The service was led by Canon Derek Jackson, who was on fine form delivering a thought-provoking and humorous sermon. He even included (impromptu) his 'aerobic creed' which had us making expansive gestures (representing God the Father) and fluttering, bird-like hand-movements (symbolic of the Holy Spirit). Not something you see every Sunday at St Peter's!



Flowers: A very striking feature of the church for Harvest celebrations was the beautiful flower arrangements. Many thanks to Judith Slater and all the other dedicated volunteers for their efforts in enhancing our worship with their skill and dedication.



Our Harvest offerings were donated to local Food Banks. Again many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Christian Meditation: These sessions continue to be held each Tuesday at 5:30pm for 20 minutes of peace and quiet. Sometimes it is a case of "two or three gathered together" but often there are 5 or 6 meditators.

For Your Diary — Future Services including Christmas @ St Peter's

All Souls: Sunday 4th November — A quiet, reflective service with an opportunity to light a candle to remember departed loved ones.

Remembrance Day: Sunday 11th November — the Armistice Centenary.

Nine Lessons and Carols: will be on December 16th at 5.30pm.

The Christingle Service: will be on December 23rd at 5.30pm

Christmas Day: Communion Service at 9.30 as usual.

Epiphany Lunch: This will be held after the 9.30am service on Sunday 6th January — in the Parish Rooms. Tickets £12.00 including wine.

A Repeat Invitation!: All are invited to come and experience the peace inside our beautiful church and the tranquillity of the churchyard. Relatives may be interested to know that an up-to-date map of the churchyard and lists and dates of those buried are available both online and inside the church. www.stpetersfieldbroughton.org.uk/churchyard/

Words and Music for Autumn 2018: This will be our fourth Autumn themed evening of songs, instrumental solo performances, and readings of prose and poetry. Saturday 20th October at an earlier time of 5.00pm.