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Lest We Forget

Who can forget the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' art installation at the Tower of London between July and November 2014, celebrating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War? It consisted of 888,246 ceramic red poppies, each intended to represent one British or Colonial serviceman who was killed in the war. I went to see it with a friend and its impact was astounding. It really brought home the great sacrifice made by so many in 'the war to end all wars'. That was four years ago. This month we are celebrating the end of that war. It seems a long time since I saw the exhibition. How much longer it must have seemed to people living through the conflict and what must it have been like for those who lost family members?



On driving through Kent and Surrey this summer I was struck by how many villages displayed 'Silent Silhouettes'. This is an initiative by the Royal British Legion to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation. The iconic image of a 'Tommy' is the one I saw the most. There are also some depicting those who gave medical support, RAF, Navy, Royal Flying Corps, munition factory workers and suffragettes. They all helped to make us the nation we are today. The silhouettes have at their base the words 'Lest we Forget'.

On a recent visit to Borde Hill Gardens I was impressed by a display of 100 knitted poppies made by the local community. Here in Orpington the war memorial is surrounded by them and in Rochester Cathedral nearly 5,000 are on display, hanging down the walls of the nave. We are hoping to have our own smaller display of knitted poppies in St. Augustine's and many people have been busy making them.

Do try and come to either of our special services at 10:15 on Remembrance Day to thank God for the people who made the 'ultimate sacrifice'.

Sue Goodger

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St Augustine's Church Parade Service at 10:15
St Luke's Church Parade Service at 10:15 at the hall in Raglan Road
You will be very welcome



As members of St. Augustine's with St Luke's, we seek to follow Jesus' command—to share God's love with our community.



Parish link with Kondoa diocese, Tanzania

Rochester diocese is developing a very sound link with the diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania. Although this has been ongoing for several years, some parishes in our diocese have begun forming their own parish links. St Augustine's with St Luke's is one of them and we are forging a link with a relatively new parish, Mwaikisabe, where the pastor is Rev John Sinde.



Similarly St John's Church, Meopham is also building links and recently hosted a Companion Links service at which there were four bishops! Shown in the photo are Bishop James (Rochester), Bishop Given (Kondoa), Bishop Jacob (Mpwapwa) and Bishop Chad (Harare).



From St Augustine's, eight intrepid travellers left for Tanzania on 10 October, each carrying a personal suitcase plus a larger one full of gifts donated by our congregation and friends. The contents were many and varied; one, exclusively full of ladies' underwear, suitable for all shapes and sizes! Particular thanks go to Evelyn Dunn for the 19 beautifully knitted teddies, each one differently attired. We were glad to hear that the group safely



got through customs, even though they were carrying a solar panel! We can't wait to hear their stories on their return.



Our intrepid travelers arrived safely and visited the opening of a new kindergarten in Kondoa, funded by a parish in Rochester diocese.

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Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.

There are so many phrases, like that one, that we use in everyday life, often without thinking about their meaning or even if they're true. Over the last few weeks at St Augustine's we have been studying the book of James. At times it has been a challenge and has caused many of us to think about what we do and why we do it. For example, do we consider it 'pure joy' when life doesn't work out how we plan? Do we judge people based on their background or financial position? At our family service in October we looked at the power that our words have on us and each other. What we say can have tremendous impact on others and can stay with us longer than it takes bones to heal.



In the book of James it talks about how difficult it is to tame the tongue. I imagine we have all said something to someone in the heat of an argument and instantly regretted it. The other week I used the illustration, where the young people had to write a word on a sheet of paper using a



tube of toothpaste, then try and get it back into the tube. It can't be done without damaging the tube. So it is with our words - once they are out of our mouths or written on a keyboard we cannot take them back. We need to think very carefully about what we say to people. God wants us to tame our tongues.

People often forget that encouragement is actually a spiritual gift. Here's a little New Testament Greek for you: the word that Paul uses when he is writing to the Romans to describe encouragement is the word *paraklesis*, which basically means 'a call to one's side.' Paraklesis carries the idea of bringing someone closely alongside in order to 'exhort', 'encourage', 'give joy' and 'comfort' him or her. All Christians are called to encourage others: 'therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing' (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Everyone can encourage someone through spending time together, encouraging words, letters, prayers and other means.

So try encouraging someone instead tearing them down. Instead of giving criticism, find the good. As you do, you will notice that this gift improves the lives of others as well as yours.

*Love and hugs
Helen*

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Nine Go West

‘Christine when are you going to Bath?’ asked a friend rather firmly in a shop, causing the shopkeeper to look rather askance! No, it was nothing to do with my lack of hygiene. My cousin and I joined seven others, ‘St Augustinites’ and friends, facilitated by Alan and Sue Skinner, for a coach tour of Bath, Bristol and the Cotswolds. We stayed in the small village of Limpley Stoke, seven miles outside Bath, at a comfortable hotel, albeit in a very hilly spot. As it was difficult to progress far on foot, our friendly, obliging and amusing coach driver Chris took us on extra trips, also regaling us with funny stories whenever we got on board.

We sampled the delights of Bath, including visiting the Abbey and Roman Baths tasting the water. We visited Wells Cathedral and Cheddar Gorge, most of us leaving the latter with an authentic cheese. Our next trip was to picturesque Bourton-on-the-Water, which featured a superbly constructed model of the village; then on to the town of Evesham (where we had the only rain of the week). Our final visit was to Bristol, where we not only toured the city and its cathedral, but also viewed the Clifton Suspension Bridge - walking across part of it - from which there were some splendid views. On our way home we stopped off at Hungerford, a pretty town on the Thames, and visited some interesting antique shops.

Thus a good time was had by all, with excellent food and company. Why not join us for next year’s trip?



Roman Baths and Abbey



Bourton-on-the-Water

Christine Regas

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there’s some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England’s, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke, 1887 - 1915



Poem chosen by Betty Dawson



Act of Remembrance

On Sunday 11 November at St Luke's we shall commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War when the guns fell silent. At 11 o'clock our congregation will be joined by members of Hope Church for a joint Act of Remembrance gathered around our War Memorial in the garden outside the west end of the church, facing Bromley Common.

The last Diocesan Quinquennial Inspection recommended that the Portland stone memorial and the York stone base on which it stands should be repaired and repointed. We have decided to take this opportunity to have the structure cleaned to honour the 178 men and boys from St Luke's parish who lost their lives between 1914 and 1918. Their names are engraved on two pillars inside the west end of the church. Similarly, the names of a further 59 who died in the Second World War are engraved on another wall nearby.



The uniformed organisations and Church representatives will lay their wreaths, while we wear our poppies with pride and remember all those who fought and died for our freedom. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Jill Gill

Tribute to Dr Kathleen Berger 1920 - 2018



As a child Kathleen apprehended the saving grace of Jesus through the famous painting of 'The Lost Sheep' by Alford Soord and she determined at a young age to follow her Good Shepherd and serve Him in whatever way she could.

Another strong influence in her childhood came from a Christian lady doctor who visited her school and gave an inspirational address, telling the girls that if God tells you to do something, don't let anything stop you, including lack of money – He will make a way. Kathleen went on to write an essay, aged 13, in which she described the pursuit of her ambition to become a doctor in terms of climbing a mountain – a struggle which she

went on to overcome with determination, hard work and doors opening for her by divine appointment.

After her wartime Army Service in the Medical Corps and inspired by the work of the Medical Missions in Bermondsey and Brook Lane, Kathleen sought to serve a community in those pre-NHS days which lacked a doctor, and felt convinced that the newly-built Coppice Estate was the place where the Lord wanted her to set up her GP practice. A flourishing and overcrowded Sunday School in the surgery inspired the parents to build a hall for the children, and subsequently a Mission church in which Kathleen worshipped until her death this year at the age of 98.

At her funeral in August, many people gratefully testified to Kathleen's care for the whole person – medically, physically, emotionally, educationally, spiritually and practically. She served her community with a shepherd heart. We who remain are confident that as she passed out of this world into eternity she was greeted by her Lord with, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'.

Pastor Paul Flynn

The Many Hats of a Mother

Since the birth of A Little Girl I Know my life has changed so much. It is difficult to believe that I once had a job that came with a lot of responsibility. From that I went to being a mother with all that role demands. Whether A Little Girl is with me or not she is never far from my thoughts.

During the course of the day I wear a number of different hats, not in the physical sense, but in my mind. There is the Handy Woman's hat, when fixing games and damaged books or looking for that lost item that is needed now. Next the Firefighter's hat, needed to diffuse tantrums, and sometimes I burn the tea. The Care Giver, to all the family including the grandparents! The Chef's hat, planning, preparing and cooking meals to a variety of tastes to keep the family healthy. The Teacher, teaching good manners and habits, such important life skills, and of course helping with the homework. The Banker, making sure that the bills are paid, necessary purchases made, but ensuring that there is always enough money left for that occasional treat. The Nurse, checking temperatures, making sure the correct dosage of medicine is given, and deciding whether or not a trip to the doctor is necessary. The Play Mate - as A Little Girl I Know is an only child I am often needed in this role, exhausting, but fun. The Personal Shopper and Laundry Maid making sure that she always looks her best. The Chauffeur at first to pre-school, now swimming and Guides and lots, lots more. Finally The Cleaner, making sure our home is kept clean and tidy even if it seems to get trashed again soon afterwards.



Sometimes I feel in all of this I have almost lost sight of the real me. However a coffee date with a friend, a balanced conversation, and few moments to relax without one of these Hats on and I am topped up, my drive and energy renewed.

Thank you God that you give me so many amazing opportunities every day. Help me to use my time wisely.



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Parish People

Good luck: **Richard Arding**, once a Curate with us at St A's, has just retired from being Vicar at St Michael's, Wilmington and we wish him a happy retirement. Many people will know that as a model railway enthusiast, Richard was responsible for holding model railway exhibitions, which raised many thousands of pounds. No problem with how to spend his new-found spare time!

A message from the **food bank**: Thanks to everyone for all your generous donations to our food bank scheme. It is greatly appreciated but a shame that it is so needed. Please would you consider donating something like Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags etc or just a humble roll of sticky tape or a tree ornament. It could make a huge difference to those on a low budget.

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Sheila Griffin

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Thank you to everyone who supported my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Through your generosity I have raised a fantastic amount this year, the most ever - £890.63 in cash and the Gift Aid will take this up to over £1,000. It was a lovely day and a good excuse for a get-together and to meet new friends. Thanks also to those who were unable to come, but still donated and to those who gave me cakes. I am very proud to be sending such a large amount to this very worthy charity. Thank you again for helping to make it so successful.

Sue Goodger



The bellringers at St Luke's will be marking the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 by ringing the bells from 12.30pm on Sunday 11 November. At this time, bells will be rung across the nation as part of the Ringing Remembers campaign officially endorsed and sponsored by HM Government. We plan to ring our bells half muffled for this important occasion. This is achieved by fitting leather pads to one side of a bells clapper to reduce the sound volume resulting in a mournful effect.

Chris Lawrance

Forget-me-Not, the dementia café at St A's, found us all in fine voice at the October gathering.

'Happy Hour', a very professional three-piece ensemble, entertained us with songs from the Fifties and Sixties. Their enthusiasm was so infectious it was hard *not* to join in! I found it quite unnerving that I could remember the words to 'Rawhide' from a time when I was at senior school: maybe it was something to do with Clint Eastwood! Diana Pattison's quiz this time was a maths challenge, which sorted out the sheep from the goats and generally a good time was had by all.

Mary Plummer



Keep your news coming to me either by seeing me in church on Sunday morning or at The Three Cs on a Tuesday morning. Alternatively you may like to email it to me at jackysskinner@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Directory

Dates for Your Diary

Nov 9	Trefoil - Learn some sign Language	8 pm
Nov 10	Messy Church	3 - 5 pm
Nov 17	Cheese and Wine with Quiz	6.30 pm
Nov 20	Forget Me Not Cafe	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Nov 21	Mothers' Union Hot Lunch	1 pm
Nov 21	Bits and Pieces	7.45 pm

Children and Youth Activities

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Church Rooms	Liz Carter	020 8467 8155
The Three Cs	Jacky Skinner	07812 714803
Roundabout Manager	Lorna Murray	020 8467 0536
Singing Group (Thursday evenings 7.45pm)	Lucy Adcock	020 8467 4535

Worship with us on Sundays

8am Holy Communion	St Luke's Every Week
10am Morning Worship	St Augustine's 1st and 5th Sunday
10am Holy Communion	St Augustine's 2nd and 4th Sunday
10am Family Service	St Augustine's 3rd Sunday
6pm Holy Communion	St Luke's 1st Sunday
6pm Evening Worship	St Luke's every week except 1st Sunday
6.30pm Holy Communion	St Augustine's 3rd Sunday

Join us during the week

Mon - Sat 9.15 am	Morning Prayer (not Wednesdays)
Wed 11.45 am	Holy Communion
Tues 10.00 am	The Three Cs
Wed 10.00 am	Parent and Toddler
Thurs 10.30 am	Sally's Exercise Class

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