

Dear Friends

LOOKING AHEAD!

November 1st will be a Service of Holy Communion so you may want to have bread and wine/juice prepared for that.

November 8th Service will include an Act of Remembrance. We're hoping for a **Virtual Choir** that day, so let me know if you'd like to be involved with that. We would like to see some acknowledgement of **Remembrance Sunday** in the church grounds. I wonder how many of you would like to paint a poppy on to a pebble or rock and leave it on the church doorstep? Perhaps **group leaders** would take on to encourage their group members to participate in this? I'm thinking particularly of **Guild Members and Girls' Brigade** but, of course, **everyone** is encouraged to join in. If your skills do not stretch to painting poppies perhaps **an inscription such as "Lest we forget"** would be more manageable. **Let's not be afraid to try - after all we are honouring the bravery of our fallen heroes.**

Also, if you are willing to do a **reading, prayer, or make a musical contribution at a future Service, please** do get in touch. This can be either a video or an audio contribution and assistance is available, if required, to upload it to us.

I know it seems too early but we are **already thinking about Advent!** Of course, most of what we will be doing this year will have to be online - and that's a challenge. As well as our Services being online, we have had the idea of :-

A CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

Our thoughts may soon be turning to Christmas shopping. Not everyone is keen to head into town, so, as I know some of you have been quite creative during lockdown, I thought a "Craft Stall" may be a good idea! If you have any of the fruits of your labours to spare, please consider donating something to our stall. You can email or phone me and I will collect your donations.† The stall will, of course, be online - through our Facebook and Website links. We will take photos to let you see what's available and all proceeds will go towards the church. I hope to produce some kind of wipe - clean catalogue that can be shared with others who do not have access to ipads, laptops etc.†

I hope you will all find opportunities to share as much information as possible with those who may be feeling left out in the present circumstances. I do send newsletters to keep folks updated, and make phone calls when I can, but these are much more time-consuming task than firing off an email to 60 people - so remember please to share where you can. I'm most grateful for your help in this.

Loads to think about! We really need to keep the momentum of our church activities going during these unprecedented times - it takes the whole Church Family working together to achieve this. All ideas for future events will be welcomed and considered - but - most importantly - STAY WELL, KEEP SAFE.

God bless you all.

Yours in Christ's Name and Service

Maggie