

MOTTINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER NOVEMBER 2018

IN MEMORY OF THE 68 MEN OF MOTTINGHAM PARISH WHO DIED IN THE 2 GREAT WARS

1914-1918

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BRIGNALL CANADIAN
BRILL KRR; L¹HW CLARK
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HARDWELL KRR; P^{TE} AH
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RF; 2ND LT GR JACKMAN
KITSON RAC; P^{TE} JM
FORCE; P^{TE} J MOORES
SER^{GT} F MOTT ROYAL
MULLER RMLI
P^{TE} E OLIFF EAST KENT
ORRISS MACHINE GUN
PARSONS RFA; P^{TE} R
COR^{PL} AM PEMBERTHY
JF POLLOCK RAF; P^{TE}
REG^T; 2ND LT G
AND BUCKS LI; P^{TE} EG
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REG^T; COR^{PL} W TURNER
TWYMAN RASC; L¹ DJC
VERESMITH RF; L¹
HIGHLANDERS (TF); P^{TE}
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WILLIS RF; P^{TE} G WOOD
COR^{PL} AE YOUNG W



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GREENHAM RF; R^{FN} H
HAWES TANK CORE; P^{TE}
REG^T; P^{TE} AH HOLNESS
WELSH REG^T; P^{TE} GB
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COLDSTREAM GUARDS;
BERKS REG^T; MAJ^R GF
DARDANELLES 070515;
REG^T (BUFFS); P^{TE} I
CORPS; P^{TE} FG
PAYNE E SURRY REG^T;
NORFOLK REG^T; 2ND L¹
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RAWLINSON OXFORD
SARGEANT RF; CAP^{TN}
PIONEERS; L¹ RM
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RE; SER^{GT} WGE
VERESMITH RFA; L¹ EH
WADDELL GORDON
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P^{TE} J WALPOLE RF; P^{TE} F
SCOTTAGE RIFLES;
YORKS REG^T

1939-1945

CJ BATES; NH BARBER; GF BRIMICOMBE; F COLLINS; GF ENNALS; GL FREAK; PB FROST; MA GOULT;
SRJ HALL; DG HARPER; AA HOLLINGSWORTH; CW KIRBY; DK NIGHT; RE LAMB; FCL LENNARD; P
LENNARD; G MAJOR; AB PETHYBRIDGE; F PLANT; FG SAUNDERS; RMSANDERS; RW TIMPLEMAN; G
WAKELING; IH WILTON

We Will Remember Them

This Magazine is dedicated to the memory of the 68 men whose names are on the Mottingham Memorial and the millions of others whose lives have been lost in the wars of our time



**THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918**

REMEMBERING THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE

This year, Remembrance Sunday marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded. Wilfred Owen wrote of those 'who die as cattle.'

How should we celebrate this anniversary? In remembering the Armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3).

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, with other people and with wider society.

Of course, Micah's words are looking to the end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also can speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope. When we pray for peace, we're rejecting the 'old order of things',

of violence and war and asking God to make His kingdom real today. We're citizens of the new kingdom, reshaping the old.

The end of the centenary of World War 1 is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.

HEADSTONES



The rows of headstones silent stand
Their message clear, though mute;
That we, in Britain's peaceful land
Must silently salute.

Our peace was bought at dreadful price
Through rain and fear and mud -
World conflict fought not once but twice
So twice the cost in blood.

Each headstone bears a single name
A single husband, son,
Who, when the call to duty came
They did what must be done.

So, think upon those rows of stones
Be silent, still as they
Remind us of those silent homes
From when they went away.

Yes, spare a while to think of them
It's just two minutes' time;
And say aloud, just once again
That well-remembered rhyme:

THEY GROW NOT OLD AS WE GROW OLD,
NOR DO THE YEARS CONDEMN;
BUT AS THE DAYS AND NIGHTS UNFOLD,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

by Nigel Beeton



Remembrance Sunday Memorial

Service: 11th November 2018 at 10.50am

Venue: The forecourt of Warr's Harley Davidson Shop, 16-20 Mottingham Road, London, SE9 4QW.

The Mottingham Concert Band will provide music from 10.30am and accompany the service.

Our chance to remember, as a community, the 68 from the Parish of Mottingham as well as others who died in the great wars of our time.

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICE PREACHERS

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 4th November at 10.30am – Messy Church Remembrance.

This is preceded by breakfast at 9.30am.

Sunday 11th November at 10.45am – Remembrance Sunday:
Venue – The Mottingham War Memorial.

Sunday 18th November at 10.30am – Holy Communion: *Terry Wright*

Sunday 25th November at 10.30am – *Jacquie Gardener*



NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Prayer meeting

Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm: At the house of Eddie and Dallas Green

Good Companions

Tuesday 13th November at 10.30am: Eddie and Pat Williams of Willow Wildlife rescue – 'Hedgehog signs'.

All Sorts Craft Group

Tuesday 27th November at 10.30am for one hour

Community Lunch

Every Wednesday at 12.30am

Saturday Youth Club

Every Saturday from 7-10pm for 9-14 year olds

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

-  **1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am:**
Messy Church - This is preceded by breakfast
-  **1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7.30pm**
Prayer Meeting at Eddie and Dallas's home
-  **2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am**
Good Companions
-  **4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 - 11.30am**
All sorts craft group
-  **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12.30pm**
Community Lunch
-  **EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 - 10pm**
Saturday Youth Club - for 9 - 14 year olds

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MOTTINGHAM BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING

Date: Tuesday 16th November at 8.00pm.

Venue: St Andrew's, Court Road.

DECEMBER ALERTS

OUR CHURCH PROGRAMME

Wednesday 12th December - The Community Christmas lunch.

Sunday 16th December at 4.00pm - Carol service.

CRISIS FOR CHRISTMAS: Saturday 8th December from 10.30 to 11.30am outside the Co-op on Kimmeridge Road. Beverages will be available in St Edwards afterwards.

ST ANDREW'S: Thursday 20th Dec, 7.30pm, Ecumenical Carol Service. Choir practice on Fridays from 7th November at 6.30pm in St Andrew's hall - new members welcome



MOTTINGHAM WAR MEMORIAL

This war memorial is in memory of the men of Mottingham Parish and is more unusual than most in that it is approximately 4 metres high, made from Portland stone and is a round `temple` design with the names listed on a six-sided centre piece surmounted by a small cross.

Here are recorded the names of 44 local men who lost their lives in The First World War. On a separate panel are recorded a further 24 names for the Second World War.

The memorial was unveiled on Friday 26th March 1920 by Mr. S. Palgrave Page, Chairman of the Mottingham War Memorial Committee. The dedication was made by the Rev. Noel Mellish V.C. Vicar of St. Mark`s Lewisham. The design was the one chosen by the committee from the final shortlist of five, and was submitted by George Hubbard, a local architect who acted in an honorary capacity i.e. no fee. The work was carried out by Messrs J. Daymond & Sons of Westminster and cost £620.

This must be one of the earliest publicly erected Great War Memorials, and the local newspaper reports of the day make much of this in congratulating the Memorial Committee. They had been elected at a public meeting in January 1919 and this memorial was in place and unveiled within 14 months, which may account for its unique design, before a large cross became the norm for these war memorials. It cost £620 which although a great deal of money in 1919, was soon raised. Again this was a surprising feat for such a small area as Mottingham, which may, at that time, have had a more recognisable identity as an area than today. hemmed in as it is at the boundaries of three London Boroughs (Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham).

Notes: - Rev Noel Mellish V.C. M.C. (1890-1962). During the period 27/29 March 1916 at St. Eloi, Belgium, Captain The Reverend

Noel Mellish went backwards and forward under continuous and very heavy shell and machine-gun fire between our original trenches and those captured from the enemy, in order to tend and rescue wounded men. He brought in 10 badly wounded men on the first day from ground swept by machine-gun fire. He went on the second day and brought in 12 more and on the third he took charge of a party of volunteers and once more returned to rescue the remaining wounded. He also served as a trooper in the South African War of 1899-1902 and was an Air Raid Warden in the Second World War.

Bromley Council War Memorials

IN AND AROUND MOTTINGHAM

MOTTINGHAM LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER 2018

BROMLEY AND GREENWICH COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

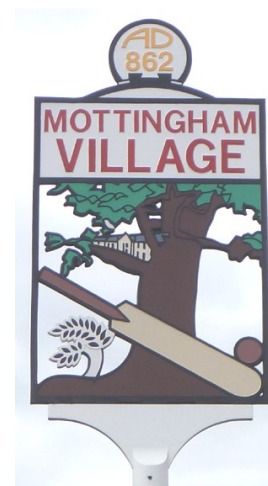
Bromley: Friday 2nd November 6.45-8.00pm.

Greenwich: Friday 30th November 7pm-8pm

LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA: Wednesday 7th November 10.45-11.45am. A free coffee morning session for people living with Dementia and their carers.

COFFEE MORNING: Wednesday 14th November: 10.30-12 noon. Join Roger Squires as he gives a riveting talk about the lost rivers of London

ARMCHAIR WALK: Friday 23rd November 6.15-7.30. Join Chris on an armchair walk around Regent's Park- Disasters, Daffodils and Designer Houses



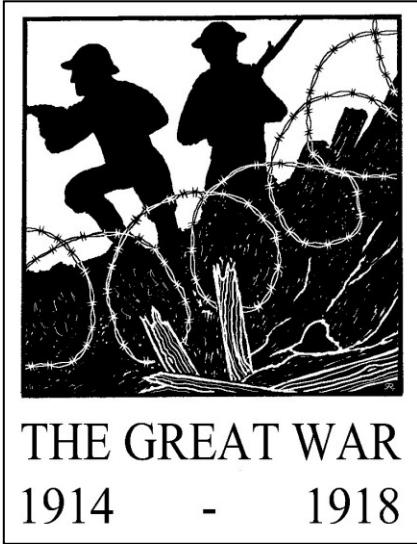
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? TRY THE CHRISTMAS FAYRES!

St Alban's - Saturday 3rd Nov, 11-2pm,

Our Lady Help Of Christians - 10th Nov, 10.30am - 1.00pm

St Andrew's - Saturday 24th Nov, 11-2pm,

St. Edward's Christmas Fair - 1st December - from 11.00am



DIARY OF A MOMENTOUS YEAR - NOVEMBER 2018 - WHEN THE BOYS CAME HOME

By Autumn 1918 it was obvious that the war was coming to an end, Germany was clearly beaten, but no one had actually won. The front line was more or less as it had been for years, but after Amiens the Germans knew that this was a conflict they could never win. High level discussions took place, while in Britain the public mood was surprisingly optimistic. 'There's a silver lining', the songs said. 'Keep the home fires burning till the boys come home'. When an 'Armistice' was announced, there was euphoria. No more killing, the guns silenced. Peace at last!

'Armistice' was a new word for most people - not a peace treaty or settlement (that would follow a conference in Paris the following January), but simply a laying down of arms, but for many that was enough for now. 'No more killing', they declared. Most of the boys did come home, but tens of thousands didn't. We have tended to judge the First World War by the numbers involved - and they are appalling, but each casualty was also someone's personal loss, as I learnt in my first parish.

It was a rural village near Oxford. Each month I took Communion to an elderly woman known to everyone as Kim. She was in her nineties and had been a teenager during the Great War. Her two brothers were serving on the Western Front. A few days before the Armistice the post office motor-cyclist delivered the telegram they had been dreading, one of the boys had been killed in action. A week or so later, after the fighting had stopped, the same messenger returned, with the same message about her other brother. As she told me of it, 70 years after the event, her eyes filled with tears. That was the true price of war, and when I share

the silence on Remembrance Day it is her and those two young men I think of, not the million others from many nations who fell in that terrible conflict.

This was 'the war to end all wars'. It didn't, of course. War doesn't end wars. True peace does.

David Winter




PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN EGYPT

MR PRESIDENT! 'PROTECT YOUR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS!'

Release International is urging the country's re-elected president, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, to demonstrate a clear commitment to protect Egypt's persecuted Christian minority and safeguarding freedom of religion in the country.

Egypt has the largest remaining Christian community in the Middle East, despite continuing persecution which Christians often call 'the pressure'. The harshest persecution has come at the hands of Islamists, who have launched terror attacks on churches, burnt down Christian places of worship, businesses and homes and driven Christians out of Upper Egypt and Sinai.

In recent years, Upper Egypt has seen an explosion in kidnapping of Christian children for ransom and as a tool of religious cleansing. And religious extremists are targeting Christian girls for kidnapping, forced marriage and conversion.

UK-based Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world, is working with partners in Egypt to help Christian communities reduce the risk of grooming and kidnapping, and to support victims.



THINKING ABOUT THE PSALMS

Paul Hardingham continues to look at one of the best-loved books in the Bible.

PSALM 121 - the God who knows and cares

A man asked a friend about the two greatest problems in the world. The friend responded, 'I don't know and I don't care!' 'You've got them both!' the man replied.

Psalm 121 presents a God who both knows and cares about our problems. It was used by pilgrims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. Just as this road was full of dangers, this psalm speaks to our problems and set-backs, whether illness, family or work issues, or fear.

Where do we look for help? 'I lift up my eyes to the mountains...My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.' (verses 1&2). The hills speak of a Creator God, who is bigger than our troubles, for whom nothing is beyond His reach.

What is His care like?

It is constant: 'He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber' (verse 3). God is never off duty in His care, as we are constantly His concern.

It is close: 'The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand' (verse 5). God is not watching us 'from a distance' as the songs says! His care operates at close quarters, to take the heat out of situations, or when circumstances are dark and uncertain.

It is continuing: 'the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.' (verse 8). God's care is all encompassing, through life and eternity. We are not immune from difficulties, but in the bigger picture, God will use these in His eternal purpose for our lives. The psalm is fulfilled in Jesus, who has secured eternal life for us.



ONCE A MONTH CONGREGATION CALLED MESSY CHURCH

OUR OCTOBER HARVEST THEME WAS
HARVEST THANKSGIVING IS ABOUT:



1 GIVING BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED
The bible says: Honour the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce. Proverbs 3 verse 9

2 GIVING TO THE POOR
The Bible says: Ruth entered a field and gathered the grain left behind by the reapers. Ruth 2 verse 4



3 SHARING

In 1 Kings chapter 17 the Bible says: A poor widow with only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug made a small loaf of bread at the request of Elijah, the prophet, and something for herself and son. She believed God's promise that the food would not run out and there would be food every day for Elijah and for her and her family. The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the God.



4 GIVING ALL WE HAVE



The Bible says in Luke Chapter 21: Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a note book at the rear of the Church for your use if you or someone you know would like to be remembered in prayer by the Church whether anonymously or by name.

If it's easier to leave a note please do leave it in an envelope in the Church.

WE PRAY FOR

Terry Wright

Maureen and her partner, Roy and the family

James

Janet

The Community Lunch

The Children's Saturday Club

Messy Church

Good companions and the Craft Group

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