

**“Greater love has no-one than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)**

Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember the sacrifice made by so many during the wars of this and the last century for the sake of their country. This year is special. 2021 is the 100th anniversary of the annual poppy appeal.

The use of poppies was inspired by the growth of poppies in the fields, where the battles had taken place and immortalised by John McCrae’s 1915 poem, *In Flanders Fields*. No doubt the red colour of the poppies was also a reminder of the great amount of blood that had been shed in the terrible battles of the First World War.

In Genesis 4:10, God says to Cain, who had just murdered his brother, Abel, “Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground!” In a similar way the Remembrance Day poppies cry out to us for the men who lost their lives in the great wars of the past.

But what might they say to us? Perhaps they would want to plead with us to make every effort to prevent the horrors of war again? Maybe, they would ask that their sacrifice would not be in vain, that it might have achieved in some way a better world? Or possibly, they would want us to take up their “...quarrel with the foe...” as John McRae’s poem says. The question is what should we be fighting for today?

As Christians of course we remember Jesus’s death and his blood through the bread and wine shared at our Communion Service. His blood calls on us to continue his fight against the ‘foe,’ that is the devil, and to live out his call to be the light of the world by bringing the transformation and peace it needs.

Please remember to arrive by 10:55am this Sunday. There will be a two-minutes silence at 11am!

[Livestream Sunday 14th 10:55am](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream for Sunday’s service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time.

Weekly Calendar

Friday 12th

Play and Praise (at St. Luke's Church) - 10:00-11:30am

Saturday 13th

Daily Prayer (at St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Sunday 14th

Remembrance Day Service (St. Luke's Church)

- Genesis 4:1-16, **Cain and Abel – 10:55am-12:00pm**

Youth Meeting (198, Margate Road), for 11-18 year olds - 5:00-6:00pm

Monday 15th

Daily Prayer (St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Tuesday 16th

Daily Prayer (at St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Thursday 18th

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Cafe4All (St. Luke's Church), Coffee and Chat for all - 10:00-11:30am.

Friday 19th

Play and Praise (at St. Luke's Church) - 10:00-11:30am

Saturday 20th

Daily Prayer (at St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Sunday 21st

Baptism Service (St. Luke's Church),

- Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24-8:5, Noah - 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Meeting (198, Margate Road), for 11-18 year olds - 5:00-6:00pm

Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Those who have been effected by wars and conflicts.
- Ken Tipler that the pain caused by his bone cancer can be kept under control.
- Katrina (Norah's daughter), who has cancer which will be treated with radiotherapy. Please pray that all will go well with the treatment.
- Bob Knight to have a good recovery after his pacemaker was fitted on Monday.

Please also continue to pray for: Flo Baldock, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Jean Mayton, Shirley Crabb, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Jean Simmons, Rita Ryan and Joy Smithers.

Latest Updates:

Christmas Unwrapped

Each year we invite Year 6 pupils from four local schools to a 90-minute presentation about the Christian story behind Christmas. This is an interactive and fun event and always well appreciated. This year we are expecting over 120 children to come to St. Luke's. There will be just under 60 on **Tuesday 30th November (10:30am-12noon)** and just under 70 on **Friday 3rd December (10:30am-12:00pm)**.

We particularly need volunteers on one or both of these dates to join us and help the children to make mince pies (or decorate biscuits). If you can help with this, then please let Paul (01843 592562, vicar@stlukesramsgate.org) know as soon as possible.

Planned Giving

A big thank you to all those who have already responded to our appeal last week to help finance the work of our church, whether by giving one-off gifts to help meet this year's costs or by planned giving to help us pay our way through 2022.

The special collection in the service last Sunday included around £1,500 in one-off gifts, which is a great start. Please pray for more to come in so that we can raise the additional £12,500 we need for this year.

Christmas Decorations

So that St. Luke's church is a fitting venue for the concerts and events that will happen in early December, we want to ensure the church is decorated in good time for Christmas. Claudia will be taking a lead on this in the week beginning 21st November. If you would like to help, then please contact her as soon as possible: colombianclaudia@hotmail.com .

Questions?

Sometimes a sermon, talk or Bible reading raises questions in our minds. If you have a question for the preacher, please do not hesitate to email me (or them) on the Sunday. We will try and respond and perhaps provide the best question and answer of the week in this email!

Coming Up:

Joint Prayer Meetings, Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November

Following on from the successful, *More than Sunday*, sessions where we gathered people from St. Luke's, St. George's and Christ Church together, we are going to have a joint prayer gathering on Monday 22nd in the evening and repeated on Tuesday 23rd in the morning. This will be a chance to hear from and pray for one another as we work to build our life together.

Bishop Rose in Conversation, Thursday 25th November

An opportunity to meet Bishop Rose and hear her in conversation and to ask questions. This evening will mark the end of the day when Bishop Rose is visiting Thanet Deanery. **6:30pm All Saint's Church, Birchington.**

Joint Sunday Service, Sunday 28th November, Advent Sunday

This will be a joint service with St. George's and Christ Church **at St. Luke's at 11am**. It will include an 'All Age' element and activities for children as well as a chance to share with other churches. Please support this with your prayers and attendance.

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

Last Sunday's Sermon is available on YouTube, as a Podcast or a transcript:

[What's gone wrong? \(Genesis 3:1-24\)](#) - When we look at our world we see amazing acts of bravery, courage, kindness and compassion. Yet we also see much evil and wickedness. What's gone wrong with the world? How does the Bible explain the complex mix of good and evil in humanity?

The Story of the Bible

As we read the Bible, it is important to see that it is made up of different books written by different people from different settings over hundreds of years of history. It is also important to see that there is an overarching story that pulls it altogether. This video from the Bible Project, picks up on some of the themes we looked at in Genesis 3 and shows how they are developed through the whole Bible:

[The Story of the Bible](#)

Finally, let's remember Jesus's blood calling out to us to come to him and become the Light of the World.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)