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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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REMEMBRANCE

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## **THE PARISH OF HOUGHTON REGIS ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

*Our usual pattern of weekly services, celebrations and events, to which  
ALL ARE WELCOME, is as follows:*

### **AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' BEDFORD SQUARE**

**Sunday:**

**8.30 a.m.    Mass**

*A simple said Prayer Book service*

**10.00 a.m.    Parish Mass**

*Our main sung service of Holy Communion,  
with address and children's activities,  
followed by refreshments*

**Tuesday:**

**9.30 a.m.    Mass: A simple said service of Holy Communion**

**Saturday:**

**9.00 a.m.—11.30 a.m.    Coffee Morning in church**

**12 Noon    Mass: A simple said service of Holy Communion**

### **AT THE SAINT THOMAS MEETING HOUSE LOWRY DRIVE, PARKSIDE**

**Wednesday:**

**9.30 a.m.    Mass & Coffee Morning**

*A simple celebration followed by fellowship*

### **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES**

*To enquire about Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings, Marriage Blessings and Banns of Marriage, please come to All Saints' Church any Saturday morning between 10 a.m.—11.30 a.m. and a member of the clergy will be present to assist you and take bookings.*

*The clergy are also available to visit the sick at home or in hospital, and the Priest is ready to advise any who may need to make use of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).*

*The Parish Priest of Houghton Regis:  
Father Diego Galanzino 01582 939217  
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## **WALSINGHAM YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2016**

### **FATHER DIEGO GALANZINO**

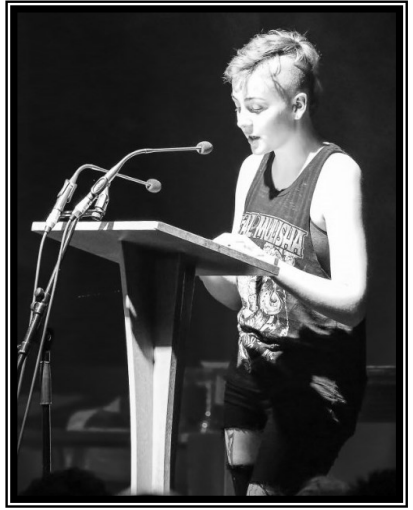
Over the first week of August ten of us travelled to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, joining some other four hundred and fifty young people from all over England, Wales and Sweden. The youth pilgrimage, organised like many other summer festivals across the nation, was staged over the course of five days in a field a few hundred yards outside Little Walsingham. There pilgrims and their leaders camped in little makeshift villages enjoying a week of fun, prayer, reflection and outdoor activities.



The title of this year's pilgrimage was "Mercy Works" and it focused people's attention on the overflowing mercy of God towards us and all creation. It also encouraged us to think of ourselves as agents of God's mercy for those around us – to do works of mercy for others from providing for the poor to praying for the departed and everything in between.

All Saints Parish has a solid tradition of participating in this event which started during Father Brian's incumbency. However, this year our group was not the only one to fly the flag for the Diocese of St Albans as a group from St Albans Abbey joined us for their very first Youth Pilgrimage. Together with Mother Sally Jones – the youth chaplain for the Abbey and a good friend of mine – I requested the organisers to place our two groups near each other, but something got lost in translation as we quickly found out upon our arrival to the camp site. Our two groups had

been allocated to exactly the same part of the field, not to neighbouring ones. To make matters even more interesting, we also discovered that between us we had the use of one diocesan marquee, rather than two, and also one single electricity hook-up instead of two. Assigned to the same area of the camp site, our group had the marquee and an all-important kettle, whilst they had the electricity... One may call it a marriage of convenience, but during this week I am sure we all had to re-learn what it means to love our neighbours and care for those around us even when these were not part of our intended groups.



Each morning we enjoyed a cooked breakfast to make up for a couple of eventful nights when one of our tents turned out to be not so rainproof after all. Every morning we attended a lively and joyful celebration of the



Mass in a red and yellow big-top tent that acted both as our worship space, and disco for the week. We also managed to get to Bible study before Mass, reflecting together on the Letter of James. Afternoons were filled with different activities, a trip to Wells-next-the-Sea (whose name should really be changed to Wells-far-from-the-Sea), an impromptu conga down the busiest street of Wells, bouncy castles and sports tournaments between pilgrimage groups, a trip to the seaside at Cromer and – for the grown-ups – chasing our neighbours' marquee flying fifty yards down the camp in high winds, or visiting the picturesque shops in Walsingham.

Evenings featured an equal amount of fun and thoughtfulness, with two evening liturgies and two discos.

But the most important thing about the pilgrimage has been the precious

chance for teenagers and twenty-somethings to explore, with other young people, what it means to be a Christian in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, what it means to go to Mass every day and what it means to be agents of mercy in the world. Over the week pilgrimage organisers asked each group to think about a specific work of mercy they could perform in their community and our group pledged to organise a meal for lonely, elderly people of the parish at St Thomas' Meeting House during the Christmas season. The details for this will be thought through in due course, I'm sure, but in the meantime we must support and encourage in every way our young people in this project, so that their example may teach us all to be workers of God's mercy for those around us.



### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

We welcome your letters and contributions, accompanied by a full name and postal address. Please send your copy for our Winter issue to the Editor, preferably by email to: [mmidahunt@aol.com](mailto:mmidahunt@aol.com) no later than 1st November. Reasonable requests for anonymity will be respected. We reserve the right to shorten or edit contributions.

The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Editor.

## REMEMBRANCE

By

Joan Leader



On Monday 27th June I was honoured and moved by my visit to see, for the first time, my great uncle's name displayed on the Memorial Stone at Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Belgium.

My great uncle was the late 201928 Private Bertram Leslie Reginald Smith and he served in the 1st/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was Killed in Action on 5th November 1917 aged just 31 years.

My visit started by travelling by coach from my base at the Groenhove Diocesaan Centre located at Torhout, Belgium. It was here that I was staying for a week's Retreat with my friends from All Saints' Church, Steve, Mick, Hazel, June, Ann and Christine. We travelled through the Belgium countryside and arrived at Tyne Cot around three thirty in the afternoon. It had been raining most of the morning but I was pleased to say that on arrival the sun was breaking through. After taking in the overall beauty and serenity of the cemetery I quickly made my way to the Memorial stone which displayed my uncle's name.

The name "Tyne Cot" is said to come from the Northumberland Fusiliers seeing a resemblance between the German concrete pill boxes, which still stand in the middle of the cemetery, and typical Tyneside workers' cottages – Tyne cots.

I found his name among the many Memorial Stones located on the wall at the back of the cemetery and they include the names of 34,927 soldiers whose remains are still missing in the Ypres Salient and who have no known grave. They all died from August 1917 to the end of the war - a continuation of the names are inscribed on the



Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres which contains another 54,896 names.



In addition to the Memorial Stones there are 11,954 burials in the cemetery, 8,367 are unidentified British or Commonwealth servicemen. This is about 70% of the total graves in the cemetery. These graves are marked with headstones which are inscribed with the words

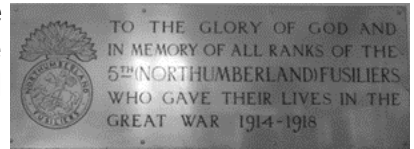
“KNOWN UNTO GOD”

After the visit to Tyne Cot we travelled to St George's Chapel, the Regimental Anglican Church in the centre Ypres, and it was here that we all attended a short service of Remembrance in memory of the fallen.

Following the prayers, the names of our loved ones were read out and Mick gave the 'Exhortation' to which we all responded:

“We Will Remember Them”

After the service we had time to explore the Chapel and I was able to see the plaque which is dedicated to the Northumberland Fusiliers.



In the evening we all attended the 'Last Post Ceremony' at the Menin Gate Memorial and it was here along with Hazel and June I was able to lay a Poppy Cross in memory of my great uncle. The icing on the cake was that the Corps of Drums of the 'Royal Regiment of Fusiliers' my great uncles modern day regiment, played music during the wreath laying ceremony.

My whole visit was a most touching and memorable experience and it will be one that I will never forget.



**“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”**



## A MAN NAMED FRANK

Here is a little story I am going to tell to you  
 About a man named Frank who was cockney through and  
 through  
 Born and raised in Stepney, in Limehouse I'll have you know  
 Within earshot of them brilliant bells of Saint Mary Le Bow  
 Playing on the docks when he was only a Rob Roy  
 Keeping out of trouble like a good little boy  
 Did his National Service and found a funny thing out  
 Only that his name was George, what was that about?

Fled from London during the war to make a new life  
 Met my Nanna June and made her his Trouble and Strife  
 Leaving London behind with all that cockney talk  
 And that great song about Limehouse they call the Lambeth  
 Walk

A man of many talents from carpentry to guitar  
 There's so much more I can tell you about this shining star  
 Worked for Vauxhall to make his Bread and Honey  
 He was never a dull man always jokey and funny

Taking us on trips to the Lake District for a jolly holiday  
 The memories and laughs are all too much say  
 From Christmas Panto, to Wine Guilds, he was such a big fan  
 And teaching me those important moves to 'I am the Music Man'

He loved his garden, a beautiful thing to be admired  
 I think David Attenborough would look and even feel inspired  
 From flowers, to his veggie patch, to them big old trees  
 My Grandad Frank was really the Bees Knees

So let's give thanks and lets all celebrate  
 That cockney boy from London who turned into someone great  
 So in the words of my Grandad I'm bidding him Tatty Bye  
 I hope you find a better place in the big old Apple Pie

This is my story, for listening, to you all I thank  
 About a brilliant man I loved so much  
 'A Man Named Frank'

*A tribute to Frank Baldock, who died on 7th September 2015  
 by his Granddaughter Kathrine*

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ALL SAINTS' PILGRIMS 2016

During the past three months members of the church have attended two pilgrimages.

BELGIUM



The first of these was attended by seven of our senior members and took place from 24th June to 1st July. They stayed at the 'Groenhove Diocesan Centrum' near Tourhot in Belgium.

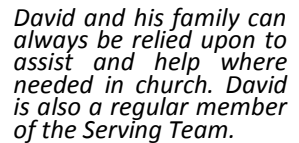
WALSINGHAM



The second pilgrimage took place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from the 1st to 5th August where ten members of the church, which included Father Diego joined over four hundred other young pilgrims on the annual 'Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage'

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## DAVID CLARK

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## A black and white photograph showing the interior of a Gothic church. The view is from the back of the nave, looking down a central carpeted aisle towards the altar. On either side of the aisle are rows of dark wooden pews. The church features high, vaulted ceilings and pointed arch windows. At the far end, the altar is elevated on a wooden platform, with a large, multi-paned window above it. The architecture is characterized by its verticality and pointed arches.

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**Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire**

### **THE WILDLIFE TRUST BCN**

Hi, let me first start by introducing myself and thank you for letting me have space in your Parish Magazine. My name is Sarah Cowling and I am the North Chiltern's Chalk (NCC) Education and Community Officer. I have been in post since April and in this time I have learnt a great deal about the Nature Reserves we manage here in South Bedfordshire.



### **The Wildlife Trust BCN – who are we and what do we do?**

The Wildlife Trust for:

#### **Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire**



Chiltern Gentian

And is a nature conservation charity that works to protect our local environment for the benefit of wildlife and people. We are one of 47 different Wildlife Trusts that exist across the UK. We look after 126 nature reserves, 24 of which are here in Bedfordshire.

Our mission is to:

- Conserve local wildlife, by caring for land ourselves and with others
- Inspire others to take action for wildlife (please see ways in which you can get involved later)

• Inform people, by offering advice and sharing knowledge (by running events and activities for local communities, groups of all ages and schools, please get in touch if you would like to find out more)



Chalkhill Blue Butterflies by Beth Aucott

### **Houghton Regis Chalk Pit**

Houghton Regis Chalk Pit (HRCP) is one of our main Nature Reserves in the NCC and has been described as “a hidden gem on the urban fringe”. The Nature Reserve, made up of both a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a County Wildlife Site is located on 104 acre former chalk



quarry. Owned by St. Francis Group, a UK-based property development and investment group, the site has been managed by the Wildlife Trust BCN for the past 5 years. In that time a great deal of work has been done to enhance the site for the benefit of the varied wildlife that can be found here and the enjoyment of the local community.

Home to many rare species of plants and animals, your local nature reserve is one of the best places in the country to find the Chiltern Gentian (look out for them in Aug-Sep). It is also very popular with the Chalkhill Blue Butterflies that are just beginning to emerge now - HRCP Reserve Officer, Beth, saw 398 today (22nd July) and we are not quite yet in peak flying season (Aug to mid-Sep), she's very kindly let me share some of her photos here.

Since taking over the management of the HRCP the Reserves Team and a wonderful group of local volunteers have done a tremendous amount of work clearing the site and putting in measures to benefit both the wildlife and the local people.

One of our larger recent tasks was to install a new surfaced footpath and timber boardwalk to make it easier for visitors to explore the Reserve all year round. The new path runs over 2000 meters from the main entrance of the reserve, across the different levels and along the top edge of the old quarry to the north west corner of the site. The timber boardwalk enables the wetland area to be accessed all year round, no matter what the water levels, and means visitors won't need to venture into more wildlife sensitive areas in an attempt to keep their feet dry.

Although most of the work was completed by contractors, our team of volunteers carried out the finishing touches by installing a set of steps (please see photo). These steps have been christened the 'Ouzel Steps' by the hardworking group, after the three Ring Ouzels on the reserve that day.

As well as enjoying the wildlife during a nice walk along our new paths there are other ways you can get involved with the work of the Trust.



## How can you get involved?

- Become a member (please visit our website to find out more: **[www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)**)
- Join the Wildlife Youth Rangers (13-18 year olds) or the Wildlife Watch Group (8-12 year olds). Learn how to look after the wildlife in our area and have a go at some hands on practical conservation work.
- Become a volunteer.
- Book us to come and talk to your school or community group or why not bring them for a trip to the reserve?
- Attend a future event or walk (details of events across the 3 counties can be found at <http://www.wildlifebcn.org/whats-on>).

**How can you get keep in touch?** For more information about HRCP, the work we do or how you can become a volunteer please do get in touch with either Beth or myself by calling our office on

01525 874317 or emailing us at [toddington@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:toddington@wildlifebcn.org)

*We look forward to hearing from you!  
Kind regards, Sarah*



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Northamptonshire



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SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS OUTINGS AND TALKS PROGRAMME 2016-2017

| DATE | DAY | SUBJECT | DETAILS |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---|
| September 7 <sup>th</sup> 2016 | Wednesday 7.45pm. | Talk | The Kings We Never Had Colin Oakes |
| September 17 <sup>th</sup> 2016 | Saturday | Outing | Winchester and Mottisfont N.T. |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup> 2016 | Wednesday 7.45pm | Talk | Art on London Streets Peter Lawrence |
| October 14 <sup>th</sup> 2016 | Friday | Outing | Blickling Estate. N.T. Norfolk |
| November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016 | Wednesday 7.45pm | Talk | Head Gardener at Stowe Barry Smith |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup> 2016 | Monday 2.30pm | Talk | Royalty/Monarchy Keith Baldwin |
| January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2017 | Monday 2.30pm | Talk | Filming at N. T. Properties Harvey Edgington |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup> 2017 | Monday 2.30pm | Talk | Waddesdon Bob Keating |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017 | Wednesday 7.45pm | Talk | Life and Times of John Bunyan Ted Herbert |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup> 2017 | Wednesday 7.45pm | Talk | Bletchley Park Stuart Nichols |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2017 | Wednesday 7.45pm | A.G.M. | |

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRE, DUNSTABLE.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT £3.

If you would like to join the local group please contact: -

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Secretary
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A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

The Lord's Prayer



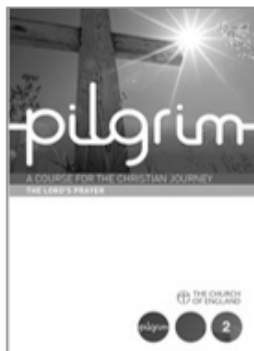
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WILL BE HOLDING A 'PILGRIM COURSE' TO EXPLORE THE CORE OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF IN GREATER DEPTH THROUGH THE LORD'S PRAYER. ITS SIX SESSIONS AIM TO EQUIP PARTICIPANTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE PRICELESS RESOURCES FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND FOR KNOWING GOD BETTER.

SESSIONS

1. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
2. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven
3. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Give us today our daily bread
4. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
5. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
6. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

All sessions start at 7.00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



JUNIOR'S PAGE**HARVEST WORD SEARCH**

R E L A T I V E S T I F S M F
 P N R E U K S S N C H O A E A
 X I E F B O B E T I L A A O S
 O B L Z Y O L T U R K S N T D
 W R Y G I C E T R E T P U K Y
 T S E V R A H L K N Y F M L S
 Y V A R G I M E E N F T I U N
 S Q U A S H M R Y I W M A R P
 F A L L P R A S N D A L O B A
 R M H T N B A G C F A C E K I

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| cook | maize |
| corn | pilgrims |
| dinner | pumpkin |
| fall | relatives |
| family | settlers |
| feast | squash |
| gravy | stuffing |
| harvest | thanks |
| | turkey |



PARISH REGISTERS

MADE MEMBERS OF CHRIST IN HOLY BAPTISM

JUNE

5<sup>th</sup> Sienna Lewis
12<sup>th</sup> Connie James
25<sup>th</sup> Darcey Chandler

JULY

10<sup>th</sup> Tyler McEvoy
Conor McEvoy
Olivia Devine
17<sup>th</sup> Freya Chrystie
Thalia Midwinter
Michael Walsh

JULY *(continued)*

17<sup>th</sup> Ellie-May Prentice
Conner Prentice
24<sup>th</sup> Kyle Whelan
Charlie Whelan
Billie-Mae Whelan
31<sup>st</sup> Louis Taylor
Jack Latchford

AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> Damian Arnold
Junior Murphy

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

JUNE

10<sup>th</sup> Margaret Robinson
15<sup>th</sup> Janet Scarrott

JULY

4<sup>th</sup> Susan Wedlock
7<sup>th</sup> Raymond Carrington

JULY *(continued)*

11<sup>th</sup> Vera Taylor
15<sup>th</sup> Joan Wood

AUGUST

10<sup>th</sup> Gordon Legg

JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY

JUNE

18<sup>th</sup> L Conroy & T Carney

JULY

2<sup>nd</sup> W Creasy & H Summerfield
9<sup>th</sup> R Lowe & C Fowler
23<sup>rd</sup> C Bell & A Doherty

AUGUST

13<sup>th</sup> J Woolhead & S Edwards
A Richardson & T Denton
M Hales & M Herber
20<sup>th</sup> N Fisher & H Woodcock
G Holmes & F Pinsent
27<sup>th</sup> N James & K Miles
C Williams & S Mitchell

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## YEARS MIND

### September

- 1st Irene Stevens  
Anne May Wilson
- 2nd Henry Fredrick Arthur Rowe
- 4th Kathleen Jeffery
- 5th Margaret Pickersgill
- 7th Frank Baldock
- 9th Evelyn Jones  
Hilda Harris  
Anona Jane Owen
- 13th Susan Dewhurst
- 17th Christine Natt  
Ann James
- 22nd Robert Venning
- 23rd William Richard Smith  
Keith Oakley
- 24th Arthur Maddocks
- 29th Gladys Meeks  
Ken Underwood  
Charlie Mansfield April

### October

- 1st Phyllis Payne
- 2nd Sue Mginley  
Leslie Wingate
- 5th Vera Meeks
- 6th Bob Hawkes
- 7th Shilish Patel
- 8th Mary Anderson
- 9th Ken Depledge
- 11th Lynne Callahan
- 13th Lalita Patel

### October (continued)

- 16th Vicky Loos
- 18th Herbert Victor Davis
- 21st Eric Webb
- 22nd George Smith
- 23rd Bill Stevens  
Sarah Mayoll
- 24th Hugh Jeffery
- 26th Leslie Morton
- 27th Pearl Bevis
- 29th Faith Evelyn Tawell  
Annice Owen

### November

- 1st Michael Burnage  
May Gadsden
- 2nd Jervon Dias  
Renee Nichols  
May Violet Harrison  
Elsie Steele
- 6th Jesse Thomas Gadsden
- 8th Iris West
- 10th Doris Guthrie
- 11th Thomas Wilby  
Doris Tooth  
Lillian Bradley
- 21st Emily Maddocks
- 22nd Simon Wall
- 23rd Elizabeth Cook
- 26th Nellie Roberts  
Vic Steele  
Winnifred Donawa

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

*Amen*

# **FUTURE SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HOUGHTON REGIS**

## **NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass - with refreshments  
Thursday 8th September at 7pm

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Service to mark the centenary of the;
'BATTLE OF THE SOMME'
Sunday 25th September at 10am

HARVEST FESTIVAL & PARISH EUCHARIST

with a Bring and share lunch
Sunday 2nd October 10 am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday 30th October 10 am

ALL SOULS REQUIEM

Wednesday 2nd November 7.30pm

'ACT OF REMEMBRANCE'

Friday 11th November 11 am
at the Memorial on The Green

'REMEMBRANCE SERVICE'

Sunday 13th November 9.45 am
Followed by the 'ACT OF REMEMBRANCE'
at the Memorial on The Green 11 am

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Please check the Weekly Pew Sheets for more information  
or Contact:

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