



Hello All,

The nights are drawing in, the leaves are turning on the trees and by the time you read this, the clocks will have gone back, winter is on its way. But let's start with a cheery note. Fr. Lawrence Trender, a retired Anglican priest who resides in Bewholme and assists at St. John the Baptist, celebrated fifty years of being ordained to the Priesthood. The Church of England has seen many changes during the past fifty years, especially the ordination of women. Fr. Lawrence wished to affirm women's ministry. So, on the 1st October at St. Augustine's, Skirlaugh, four women: our Reader Catherine Drake, two priests, myself and Anne Dawson; and the Bishop of Hull Rt. Revd Alison White, outnumbered the boys, Fr Lawrence and Rev Andy, at this wonderful occasion. The celebration was very

well attended and many of the churches in our Benefice were represented. Thank you to Fr. Lawrence and Patrica, his wife, for providing the lovely refreshments, it was a wonderful day.

Our Harvest Festivals have now come to an end, our churches looked wonderful, with flowers, fruits, vegetables and grains decorating the churches. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way in decorating and providing supper. A special thank you to all the children at our schools who provided lots of produce, which was sent on to Dove House, Hornsea Foodbank and other good causes.

On a more reflective note, November is traditionally the month of remembrance in the Church's calendar. All our churches, except Catwick, which is a doubly thankful village, will be holding their annual Remembrance Sunday services. Please see Newsletter for further details.

Our primary schools will be holding their own Remembrance Services on Friday 10th November: Riston 9.30 am, Skirlaugh and Sigglesthorne at 11.00am, at the War memorial in their respective churches. Please do come along, as the children enjoy coming to their church to celebrate or remember, as the occasion dictates.

I know, I know, I know, for some of you it's still too early to be thinking about Christmas, but the mince pies and Christmas decorations have already been in the shops since September, in some cases, August! However, as autumn gives way to winter, harvest and remembrance gave way to Advent and Christmas. Advent in the Church's year is recognised as a time of preparation and reflection. I'm sure for many of us Advent gets overshadowed by the busyness of preparing for Christmas. But to get you in the mood, many of our churches will be holding a Carol, Christingle or concert service. Look out for further details in the December Newsletter.

But let's get back to November, the month of remembrance and especially to Remembrance Sunday. The following Poppy Prayer, by the Revd Canon Sandra

Millar is taken from www.Churchsupporthub. I will be using it with the children. *“Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.*

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others. Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.”

Prayers and Blessings, Revd Mo.