



The Priory Church of St Mary



A prayer of remembrance

Father of all, remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be
brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Source: Church of England

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Poppies for remembrance

Scarlet poppies can flutter like fragile butterflies in the dry yellow corn of summer.

And they can dance like graceful ballerinas among the feathery stalks of barley.

Red poppies can glow like bright little lamps on our warm winter coats in November.

And they can whisper, like long-lost voices from the forgotten fields of Flanders.

Melita Andrew

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The Arboretum was the idea of Commander David Childs CBE who, having been inspired by a visit to Arlington Cemetery and the National Arboretum in Washington, believed a year-round national centre of Remembrance was needed here in the UK to ensure we never forget.

The site, based in Alrewas Staffordshire between Burton upon Trent and Lichfield, was developed on reclaimed gravel workings, bordered by the Rivers Trent and Tame, gifted to the charity by Redland Aggregates, now Tarmac.

Planting began in 1997 and the Arboretum was created by a small army of volunteers and an original friends group with the vital support and grants from the Forestry Commission and the National Forest Company. From the start it was seen as a place of joy where the lives of people would be remembered by living trees that would grow and mature in a world at peace. The Polar Bear Memorial was the first actual memorial to be placed at the Arboretum. This tribute to the 49th West Riding Infantry Division was dedicated on 7 June 1998.

Details: <https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events-exhibitions-and-talks/events>

St Mary's

Sunday 14th November

Service of Remembrance

10.00am

'Well done' to the volunteers from St Mary's and the wider MA who were such a success in the school reading and acting bringing alive stories from the bible.

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes



Usk CiW Primary @UskPr... · 19h ...
 Our lovely new friends from the Usk "Open The Book" team came to visit us this morning for our first Open the Book assembly of the year. We were very pleased to see them and really enjoyed their Bible story. Great acting from our children who joined the team too. ❤️



An afternoon to remember: I feel I must share my experience this afternoon (Friday) of church at its best. Having recently returned from taking one of our oldest, if not the oldest, parishioner, Dora, 99, for her booster jab, I went to the church to remove the butterflies and bees from the porches, to be replaced the next day by the wonderful array of poppies. A visitor came out of the church, - she had come all the way from London with her husband , to attend to her parents ' graves, and to have a few quiet moments in the church. She told me she had been brought up in Usk, attended church with her mother, and sung in the choir. This is what she wrote in the visitor's book:

5th November Janine (Sansom) Beards, Westminster

With happy memories of all my years in the choir in the time of the wonderful Reverend Davies. I was married here, confirmed here and my eldest son was christened here. My parents are buried in the churchyard. This church holds so many precious memories for me.

After having a lovely chat to Janine, who some of you may remember? -I started planting a few more bulbs, (to make up for my planned absence from the working party the following day!!) Steph Jones arrived to lock the church and along the path came a young man and his partner. After offering to help me plant the bulbs, he told me he was from Brynmawr and that his mother had sadly died during the week. He said if he was too late to go into the church, he would like to give a donation anyway, and pressed five pound coins into my muddy hand.

Steph heard him, and immediately offered to re - open the church. In went the young man with his partner, had a look round and lit a candle for his mother and also his grandmother. He thanked us both profusely and asked me again if he could help plant bulbs. I declined his kind offer and accepted Steph's instead - thank you Steph!

Sarah Byford



Open for you

St Mary's is open each day for private prayer and reflection.

St Mary's November Services

- Sunday 7th Nov – 10.30am – Communion
- Monday 8th Nov – 9.00am - The Heart of Monmouthshire MA morning prayer
- Sunday 14th Nov – 10.00am – Remembrance Service
- Sunday 21st Nov – no service at St Mary's ** The Heart of Monmouthshire MA service at 10.30am - St.Peter's Church, Goytre.
- Sunday 28th Nov – 8.00 am – Communion

Every Thursday 11am Healing Service



Tea and Cake – date for the diary

Reverend Sally is making a lot of cake and hopes to welcome you to her home between 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 14th November. There is no need to bring anything, just yourselves. (- 25 St. John's Road, Newport. NP19 8GR).

ORGANIST needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk
 for Sunday services, where a mix of traditional and modern hymns/songs are sung and the Malcom Archer Mass setting is used. The role would also involve accompanying the church choir in services and the occasional Monday evening rehearsal. For further details please contact Judith Lee (Director of Music) on 01291 675404 or musicallee@aol.com



Don't forget we need your ideas
 Please complete the survey and have your say
 Return via the post box on the church gate

Family Church



The winning designer of the Christmas card will be announced Sunday and will be available to purchase for just one pound.
Don't forget all families with young children are welcome for an afternoon of fun whilst learning about the bible.