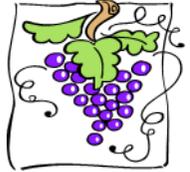


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8th November
2020

Our Vision:
Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ



First World War? A war I hated at the start and to which I never warmed as it proceeded? George Grosz

Welcome to St Peter & St Mary's Church

What a week it has been! The American elections have been far from straight forward with the President demanding victory, making claims of fraud and threatening legal action in the States that voted against him.

In this country we have gone into a second lockdown due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. But many who are in areas where the numbers are low are really not happy about having restrictions put on them due to the 'irresponsible behaviour of other people'.

It's now 102 years since the signing of the Armistice that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I between the Allies Forces and Germany, their last remaining opponent..

It became known as the Great War. That's not great in the sense of being good but great because of the enormous scale of the conflict, destruction and loss of life and was said to be 'the Great War for Civilisation'

The world had never known anything like it and leaders across the globe acknowledged that it had to be the war to end all wars.

And it was. Until the next one.

And while there are wicked Dictators and foolish Presidents there will always be wars and riots on the streets and it will only be with the transformation of every human heart that we will see a world full of peace and love and understanding.

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This Week's News

MOVING FORWARD

It was Saturday evening and we all waited for an announcement from our Prime Minister. The story had been leaked so it came as no surprise that we would be going into Lockdown again. This means that our Church Building will be closed until 2nd December. If we all do our bit to stay at home to stop the spread of the virus, Covid numbers will come down, you will save lives and we will be back on course to celebrate Christmas.



Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. At 10am we will broadcast a Service on Youtube which will include an act of remembrance but the main town gathering will be on the Recreation Ground at the Memorial Gates starting at 10:45am which can be watched via Stowmarket Town Council website.

To view the 10am Service

or watch later. Search online for Stowmarket Parish Church on Youtube or go to:

https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCUih_zTFVjMe1XckXQ0II_A



Coffee Afternoon

With a new lockdown and having to spend more time at home, we are looking to meet socially via zoom for a chat and a cuppa. So on Thursday 12th November at 3.30pm you are invited to a virtual get together to talk about anything and everything. Come and go as you please. Details to log in are:

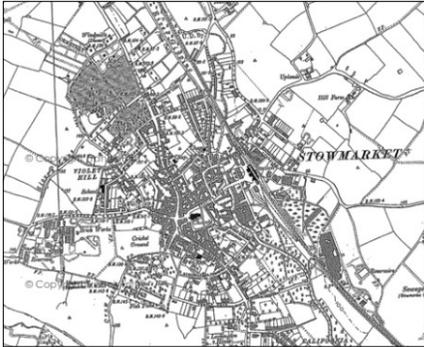
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Christmas Tree Festival – As tighter Coronavirus restrictions are now in place, we can't set up the Christmas Tree Festival until after the present Lockdown. If Government Guidelines allow we still plan to go ahead and open later in December. The Church will then be open on a Monday, Thursday and Saturday. If you feel able to welcome our visitors or help set up please contact Marion or Judy.



Geographical Groups

While in lockdown and not able to go out and mix as much as we could, please continue to keep in touch with each other. Everyone should be in a geographical group with other church folk who live nearby. Please get in touch with these people to check they are okay and if they would like any extra phone calls or support during the winter season. Some people have already said they are not looking forward to spending more time at

home and would welcome calls from neighbours and friends. These may be the shy ones so please do make an effort to pick up your phone and also be pleased to receive the calls when they come to you. It as a way of 'being church' and sharing God's love and concern.

Some of the groups have been updated to accommodate the new church members who have joined us since March. Please make them welcome and get to know them and let us know if we have still missed anyone.

Please note the geographical groups should cover everyone but they are not to replace any other groups you belong to or friends you already have within the church family: they are in addition to all of those. If you don't know which one you are in get in touch with the Vicarage your for local list.



Prayer Meeting – Prayer Meeting. All are invited to come and pray together for half an hour. Starting at 6:30pm, each Thursday via Zoom. Login details: <https://zoom.us/j/9658283398?pwd=SjN2V252VGxSSngrSnBOM1JETk1Bdz09>

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