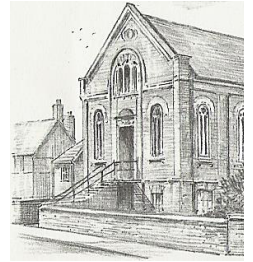


STOTFOLD METHODISTS

the church on the crossroads



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

May God strengthen you in your inner being through the Spirit, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3: 14-21

G Claydon-Knights monthly article for November 2018 newsletter

Remembering can be wonderful. Looking through old photos recently we laughed, and winced, at some of the clothes, and haircuts, of our younger days. But there's always a sadness at the pictures of loved ones lost. And there's sadness as memories becomes harder to recall.

Remembering is a big theme this month.

On November 5th, many people will enjoy fireworks (or hide from them) and (possibly) remember the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. The plot was foiled, and the King was safe, and so Parliament passed an act to command national Thanksgiving every 5th of November with special Church services and celebrations. This act wasn't repealed until over 250 years later!



And we are still observing it today in our bonfires and firework displays. Is it just for fun? Or does it mean more? Is remembering that significant?

November 11th this year marks the centenary of the armistice, the end of the Great War, 100 years ago to the minute at 11am. It's an international commemoration when millions will stand and commit to remember those who gave their lives in service for their country in war. It's also a commemoration of Peace, and a commitment to seek peace wherever possible. Remembering is certainly important.

Jesus once gave a command to remember: "Do this to remember me" said Jesus to his followers at their final meal together, thanking God, breaking bread and sharing a cup of wine. Churches across the world have continued to celebrate Holy Communion since the earliest days and will continue to do so "until he comes". And as we remember Jesus in bread and wine, we're not just remembering his death for us on the cross, but also, we are remembering his presence with us, his followers, right now, today. This physical act of remembering really helps Christian people in daily life.

So, remembering may be wonderful and happy, or difficult and sad. Whichever is the case for you, may God help you to find your way through. For Jesus promised "I will be with you always". Don't forget it.

Graham

Sunday Services

Time	Date	Preacher
10.00am	4 November	Sarah Peacock
9.30am	11 November	United Service at Arlesey Rev Graham Claydon Knights

10.00am 10.00am	18 November 25 November	Rev Bob Forrest (Church Anniversary) Rev Graham Claydon-Knights (Holy Communion)
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What's On

Time and Date 10.00 to 11.30am Saturday 3.11.18 2.00pm Mondays 2.00pm Thursdays (third in month) 10.00am Friday (term time only)	Event Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Monday Club Carers Group Toddlers Group
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Minister Church Secretary & Hall Hire Senior Steward	Rev Graham Claydon-Knights 07340 857386 Julie Longhurst 01462-731167 Maggie Turner 01462-731030
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The Stotfold Remembrance Day Service will be held at 2.30pm at the Cemetery War Memorial followed by a procession to St Mary's for the 3.30pm Service. The lighting of the Beacon to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War will be lit at 7.00pm.



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