

Hello everyone,

We come together this week to remember those who have given their lives through conflict during past years, those who are still sacrificing their lives now, and all those who work for peace in our broken world.



### Upcoming Services:

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. There will be special services of remembrance across our team as follows:

9.30am at Measham and Norton

10.00am at Donisthorpe

10.30am at Moira War Memorial and Swepstone

10.45am at Appleby and Packington

10.55am at Snarestone War Memorial

### Looking ahead:

Activeage meet at 11.00am in Measham Church Hall on Wednesday.

Kids Kingdom Baby & Toddler group meet on Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am in Appleby Church Hall.

Packington's 'Come and See' for school years 7-9, is later on Thursday at 3.45 to 5.00pm.

Little Fishes pre-school group meet again on Friday morning at 10.00am in Measham Church Hall.

Next Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) we have services of Holy Communion at Swepstone, Morning Worship with Baptism at Normanton, Breakfast Church at Measham, and a lay led service at Donisthorpe, all at 10.00am.

Further ahead, Donisthorpe will be having a Beetle Drive evening in church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm with a two-course meal and a drink, followed by the Beetle Drive. Tickets are £12 available from Joan Smith, 07837 028439.

### Woodfield Team prayer

*God our Father, you long to draw all people into your love.*

*Increase in number your church throughout the Woodfield Team; deepen us as followers and learners of Christ; and give us courage to share the good news of your kingdom.*

*We pray this in the power of your Spirit, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### Collect for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - The Third Sunday before Advent

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reading for 10<sup>th</sup> November - Mark 1.14-20 New International Version (UK)



#### **Jesus announces the good news**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!’

#### **Jesus calls his first disciples**

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

#### **Prayers for today:**

We pray:

Eternal Lord, you are our creator and sustainer. We bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves:

- Almighty Father, we thank you for bringing us together this Remembrance Sunday to recall with tenderness and respect those who lost their lives, whether from this community or further afield in the wars of this and the last century. We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the

world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and the use of weapons.

- God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.
- We remember those who cry out for peace as they work in their communities and across the world to end conflict. We pray for those who speak up against systems of power, as they seek to transform economics and politics for the good of all. We think especially of those in present danger: the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon. Keep them safe in the midst of trouble.
- We remember those around the world fleeing persecution and wars, relying on disaster relief to look after their families and survive. Bless all working to meet their needs and fill us all with compassion and a willingness to share what we have with those in need, both near and far away from us.
- We continue to pray for those in our country who are struggling to feed their families and are worried about paying their bills, those who have lost their jobs, are on low incomes and are dependent on food banks. We pray for those worried about choosing between heating and eating this winter.
- Loving Father, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day.
- For those who are mourning, lead them gently through this time of darkness into the light and peace of your enduring love.
- Faithful God, make us steadfast in faith and active in service. Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them and us the purpose of your love; and as we pray for peace, give us peace in our hearts.

**Amen.**