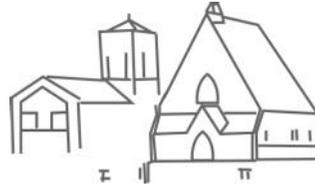


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November

Remembrance Day. Do we really remember? After all, the world has changed since the end of the First

World War, and even since the Second. Society is now different, we are more materialistic, have cars, computers, and clever mobile phones. We relocate to other parts of the country for work and have to some extent maybe lost the collective memory that communities had in the past. And it was 100 years ago this week since the end of the First World War
A long time. History.

The week before last my friend John left Bristol with his brother and their sons to travel to Northern France to visit the war grave of his grandfather, Sgt. William George Darby who fought with the 98th Brigade of 33rd Division King's Liverpool Regiment. William was killed in Picardy just two weeks before the end of the war having fought in numerous battles since being sent to France. His death left John's grandmother a widow with a son aged seven, John's father, to bring up on her own. Just another war

widow coping with her grief and the practicalities of daily life. One of many. That loss is woven into the very fabric of their family as it must be for many thousands of others.

And families do not forget. The 33rd division alone lost 37,404 men in France.

But even families whose loved ones returned from the war unscathed in body bore the imprint of those terrible times. The whole country mourned and felt the loss of those who died in those shocking conflicts. Those lions led by donkeys. Those sons and daughters whose futures were stolen from them. That

loss has echoed down the years on the tide of grief and loss and is still felt today, even in this modern age of social media and consumerism.

The picture on the front of this month's Messenger shows the display created by children at Court de Wyck school which is now on display at Wells Cathedral with the poignant words 'We Remember' at the top of the poster.

So yes, we shall remember them.



Peter Etterley

Peter sadly passed away on 29th October and his funeral was held on 6th November. Peter was our Parish priest from 1980 until 1984, but with June and his family, made a great impression at all the four Churches that then made up the Parish – Holy Trinity, St Barnabas, St Nicholas, Brockley and St Bridget's Chelvey.

Peter and June arrived amongst us after 12 years ministering to a Parish, bigger in area than the whole of Somerset, in Papua New Guinea. Their last 3 children – Tobie and the twins Rachel and Ben – were born there and June and Peter felt that it was time to return to the UK for the children's education. Tom, their eldest was still in nappies when they left for their missionary work.

The vicarage opposite Holy Trinity was certainly a lively place, because in addition to June, Peter and the family, they were joined by Peter's mother Grace who was matriarchal and fearsome, plus Finn the most eccentric Irish Water Spaniel imaginable.

June and Peter embraced everything around them, especially with things

involving their children – Court de Wyck - PTA and Governors, Church social events, dog walking (and dog retrieving when Finn took off on a rummage on his own!!)

Peter's ministry was wholesome, catholic in style, but encompassing all the variety of worship found in a country village congregation. His theology was very much bible based, but presented around the family's life experiences. He left many indelible marks in his time – Andrew Sheppy as Holy Trinity's choirmaster and Dave as church treasurer being just two.



However, after just 4 years with us, Peter and June decided that they needed a bigger, and probably harsher, challenge to their ecumenical journey than can be provided by leafy Somerset. Peter and the family were off to St John's in Ashington, Northumberland – right in the middle of the 1984 Miners' strike. Peter was soon dealing with many and varied issues, very different things from life in Cleeve and Claverham. He was soon down in coal mines, two miles out to sea; he was handling dozens of weddings and funerals per month; dealing with all manner of social and welfare issues.

(As an aside, Sandra and Jack Warham were married in St John's Ashington, over 50 years ago, but before Peter arrived!).

As the children grew up, June worked as a full time primary school teacher so life was always busy, bustling along, but always rewarding for both of them.

After many years of hard work, Peter moved to the quieter Parish of Felton and Longframlington, where life was more like Cleve and Claverham. When Peter retired, he moved, with June, to a small terraced house in Alnwick. Peter's catholic Anglicanism, caused him a lot of soul searching and he subsequently chose to become a Roman Catholic in 2010. June retained her Church of England roots. However the Roman Catholic church could see the quality

that they had in their new convert, and soon asked Peter to return to the ministry. In 2014 Peter was ordained as a Catholic priest and returned to preach in the area, covering as far north as Berwick and down to Blyth on the way to Newcastle.

Peter and June celebrated their Golden Wedding last year, at a service where so many of their Catholic priest colleagues stated that they has never ever been to a Catholic priest's Golden wedding celebration!

Peter had survived a massive oesophagus cancer operation in 2012, and had just been declared clear after 5 years, when prostate cancer was diagnosed earlier this year. Peter thought that a bit of 'a low blow', but he was stoic about the situation. June and Peter were pleased to come down to our Parish in July and visit all his four 'old' churches which he found to be in best order – they especially loved the major changes to Holy Trinity and St Barnabas.

Peter's health deteriorated very quickly, but like his life, his death was very orderly – he was pleased to be at home, in his own bed, with June beside him when he died.

The funeral service was all planned by Peter, and he thought that the catering should be provided to cover around 40 people. There were over 240 people at the uplifting funeral Rquiem Mass, conducted by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, where stories of times past and present brought laughter and tears. Peter would have enjoyed it all.

Our prayers are with June, Tom, Tobie, Rachel and Ben as they come to terms with the loss and a dearly loved husband and father. *Dave*

Clevedon Food Bank

As usual at this time of year the Food Bank are asking for seasonal items as well as the usual basic items so that a bit of festive cheer can be provided to those who might otherwise not have much to celebrate Christmas with. Donations can be left in the boxes at Holy Trinity and St Barnabas.

They would particularly appreciate -
Tinned Tuna and Salmon
Christmas Pudding
Christmas Cake
Stuffing
Savoury Biscuits
Tinned Ham

Thank you!



One Body

He dwelt within the confines of his land,
of mountain peak and river valley;
was imprisoned by his flesh and Jewish bones
yet gave his back as a living plank to the hammering.
Was raised from the cold grave by his father's hand,
one holy body.

And now Cleeve is as close as Calvary
and Claverham every inch as near as Bethlehem.
Storms are stilled in the Bristol channel
and in Weston's grey streets, the afflicted
and down-trod
find healing from the touch of his hem.

He did not hide his gospel among the clouds of Judea,
beyond the tongues and eyes of men,
but he gave his life which lasts forever
in a drop of wine and crumb of bread
and the gift of the Spirit in the flow of water.

Submitted by Nigel.



Services from the second week of November until the second week of December 2018

The third Sunday before Advent **RED** **Remembrance Sunday**

2nd Thursday 8th November 09.30 Prayers for Healing & Wholeness Cleeve

2nd Sunday 11th November 09.30 Holy Communion
With Remembrance Claverham
10.45 Remembrance Service Cleeve

The second Sunday before Advent **GREEN**

3rd Thursday 15th November 09.30 Prayers for Healing & Wholeness + Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 18th November 09.30 Holy Communion Claverham

The Sunday next before Advent **WHITE** **Christ the King**

4th Sunday 25th November 10.00 Cafe Celebration Court de Wyck School

4th Wednesday 28th November 11.00 Holy Communion Claverham
(Book of Common Prayer)

Advent Sunday **PURPLE**

1st Sunday 2nd December 09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
16.00 Christingle Service Claverham

1st Thursday	6th December	09.30	Prayers for Healing & Wholeness + Holy Communion	Cleeve
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The second Sunday of Advent

PURPLE

2nd Sunday	9th December	09.30	Holy Communion	Claverham
		11.30	Holy Baptism	Claverham
2nd Wed	12th December	19.00	Carol Service	Claverham
2nd Thurs	13th December	09.30	Prayers for Healing & Wholeness	Cleeve

Cleeve Harvest Supper

A good crowd assembled to celebrate the village's harvest on a recent October evening. After a welcome from Dave, we enjoyed delicious sausages from Bridget, and pudding with apples and blackberries picked by Kath and Alan, all washed down with Haworth's 'secret brew'!

June entertained us with a welcoming poem to Rev Nigel and wife Nickie, and we had a good laugh at the thought of Nigel hauling a farmer and his horse and cart out of the rhyme!

An enjoyable evening ended with songs from the 60s and 70s sung by Mike and Ellis.

Mary Maddicks

Thank you Mary and we wish you a speedy recovery from your recent fall.
Ed

Cleeve Harvest Festival

Jen Lankester would like to say a big "Thank you" to all the team who decorated Holy Trinity for our Harvest Festival on the 14th October. The Church looked beautiful in all the autumn colours, as I am sure all who attended will agree.



M e i g h t

A generous amount of goods were brought to the altar during the service for onward transmission to Clevedon Food Bank.

I hope that Nigel will not mind me saying that the highlight of the service for me was Derek's reading of John Betjeman's poem *'The diary of a Church Mouse'* which included much food for thought amid its humorous lines! *Ed*

Fiona Horseman

We were saddened this week to hear of the death of Fiona, wife of Chris Horseman, our vicar from 1992 - 2000. Please could you remember Chris in your prayers at this time of sorrow. *Ed*



items for his popular tombola stall, and would welcome donations which can be left at 40 Cleeve Drive or he can collect. (838515)

Nigel is in charge of the raffle and any items which you would like to donate can be dropped off at the Vicarage (1 Millier Rd) or brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the event.

Refreshments will be served all day and lunches between 12 and 2pm.

Thank you - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the December edition should be with me, Carole Perrott by Wednesday 5th December. They can be e mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive or given to me at church.

St Nicholas church Brockley

St Nicholas Patronal Service ,is on December 2nd at 6 15pm.
All welcome.

Holy Trinity Autumn Fayre

Hopefully you all have the date in your diary for this enjoyable annual event. **Saturday 17th November!** The venue is Cleeve Village Hall from 11am - 3pm.

As usual there will be a variety of stalls including preserves, cakes, bric a brac, books etc. Dave is collecting

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Jenny Haworth	November 18th
Sandra Warham- Jack Warham	November 25th
Jen Lankester	December 2nd
June Richards	December 9th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	December 16th