

Dear all,

Tomorrow we commemorate Remembrance Sunday. As we are all aware, we commemorated Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th. This Sunday we have our civic service at 3.00pm in the afternoon, when we will be joined by, amongst others, the Deepings Scouts.

I wonder what the overall mood is for the time of Remembrance. Is it sadness for the tragic loss of life? Is it despair at the fact that we have not learned the lessons of the past? Or is it a hope for a better future?

A recent Facebook post included the following quote from the former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Rowan Williams:

I am neither optimistic nor pessimistic about the future: I'm hopeful. An optimist says it's all going to turn out all right. A pessimist says it is all going to turn out wrong. A hopeful person says it's possible that we can make it better. I believe with all my heart that it's possible we can make things better. The slogan I have often quoted is from Martin Luther, the great reformer who said that if he knew the world was going to end tomorrow, he would plant a tree – meaning, never mind what is going to happen tomorrow: decide what's a good thing to do today, and the future unfolds out of that.

The hymns for the morning are: [All My Hope On God Is Founded - YouTube](#); [And Can it be That I should Gain - YouTube](#) and [Marching "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" - YouTube](#).

The readings are Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-25; and Mark 13: 1-8. The Psalm is Psalm 16.

Anglican Chant [Psalm 16 "Preserve Me, O God" - YouTube](#)

Sons of Korah [Psalm 16 Keep Me Safe - YouTube](#)

And some verses in Hebrew [Accent - Ki Lo Ta'azov \(Psalm 16 in Hebrew\) - YouTube](#)

Anthems etc. suggested for this Sunday include:

[Libera - Do not Stand at my Grave and Weep - YouTube](#)

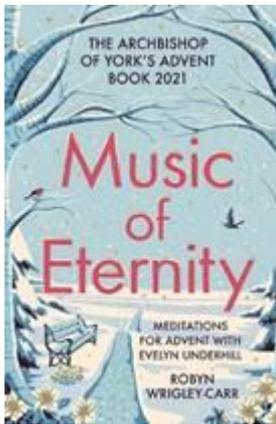
[The Halle - Elgar The Spirit of England: For the Fallen - YouTube](#)

[God is our Hope and Strength, a 8 - YouTube](#) John Blow

[J.S. Bach - Cantata BWV 80 "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" \(J.S. Bach Foundation\) - YouTube](#)

[Greater Love Hath No Man - YouTube](#) John Ireland

Don't forget that next week, 21st November, we start our 3rd Sunday Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 9.00am. Also, in the evening we will have our alternative Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.



A reminder that his year's Advent course will be based on the Archbishop of York's Advent book 2021 – Music of Eternity by Robyn Wrigley-Carr. They are meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill, a highly respected spiritual director and writer of the early 20th century.

The cover blurb says that *Beloved spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill believed that God does not just come to us at special times, but is always coming to us. But how do we recognise his coming and make ourselves open to it?*

In Music of Eternity, the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2021, Robyn Wrigley-Carr shares a series of meditations exploring the nature God's comings. Skillfully weaving together Underhill's writings with the psalms and short prayers, she shows how, as Christians, we can embrace God's coming and be transformed by them in order to better love others.

Full of rich warmth and encouragement, these Christian meditations will help you make the most of the Advent season and more able to connect with God at all times.

Set out in four parts to take you through Advent and with questions for reflection, the Archbishop of York's Advent book can be used as a study for individuals or small groups to prepare for Christmas.

Music of Eternity will help you find space to deepen your relationship with God, and to understand what Evelyn Underhill called the 'many-sided truth of God's perpetual coming to His creatures'.

We can get hold of copies for £8.99 from Peterborough Christian bookshop. Please let Sonia or I know by Sunday 14th. Otherwise they can be bought from [Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2021 | Dr Robyn Wrigley-Carr | 9780281085507 | aslanchristianbooks.com](https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com)

Cheapest place is Blackwells for £7.99, but delivery tends to be longer. [Music of Eternity : Robyn Wrigley-Carr : 9780281085507 : Blackwell's \(blackwells.co.uk\)](https://www.blackwells.co.uk)

A reminder too that Deepings' Foodbank will once again be taking part in the Trussell Trust's annual collection in partnership with our local Tesco. This will be over the weekend of 18th to 20th November.

As with last year, in the current circumstances, our volunteers will not be present in store but your donations will greatly support the Foodbank's ability to provide food to those in need over the coming winter.

This week we are low on supplies of: coffee, tinned meat, rice pudding, fruit and tomatoes as well as jam so any donations of these items would be particularly helpful.

You can, of course, continue to donate in the box at the back of church.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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