

Hanham Methodist Church



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Remembrance

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Church is more than just a building.

Even though we can't meet together, we can still learn, pray, worship, sing, dance and **celebrate** the love of God.

This pack contains craft ideas and activities that will help you to get messy at home!

We would **LOVE** to see what you create, so why not send us pictures of your creations.



Hanham Messy Church



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What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance day is sometimes called Poppy Day, or Armistice Day. It is a special day where we remember people who helped us, and still help us, in times of war and conflict.



When is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. In church, we celebrate remembrance on the second Sunday of the November.

What can I do to remember?

- Wear a poppy – when you see a poppy, pause and remember
- Observe the two-minute silence that is held at 11am on the 11th of November to remember the people who have died in wars
- Remember to include members of the armed forces, past and present, in your prayers.
- Talk about people who helped with the war effort
 - Do you have any family who have served in the armed forces?
 - Research some key people that helped in the war efforts

Remember

Hardy Parsons

Hardy Parsons was a Bristol University medical student who joined the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1917.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross after his death because he single-handedly defended position against a German flamethrower attack in the First World War. He suffered terrible burns, and passed away the following day. His actions allowed his comrades to launch a successful counter attack.



Amar Singh

Amar Singh served in the Indian Army during World War One. He kept a diary, writing about his experiences of war from India to the western front and Britain, and on to the Iraq front. Singh finished the war back in India, where in 1917 his wife, Rasal, gave birth to a daughter, called Ratan.



Violette Szabo

Violette Szabo was a Special Operations Executive agent during World War 2. Violette became a mother in during the war, but continued to help with the war effort. Sadly, her husband died in battle shortly after their child was born. However, Violette did not let this stop her. Whilst on mission, Violette was captured and killed in a German concentration camp. Violette Szabo was one of four women awarded the George Cross - the highest honour for bravery given to people in non-combat roles.



Vonolel

Vonolel was a grey horse that carried Lord Roberts 300 miles during the Second Afghan War (1878-80). He was awarded 3 medals by Queen Victoria for his service and was part of the Diamond Jubilee procession in 1897.





Why poppies?

Poppies have been found to grow in fields where many battles were fought. The red poppy represents remembrance and hope. Some like to think about each part of the poppy and what it can symbolise:

- *Red petals – a reminder of the blood shed in war. Remember people who served and continue serve in the armed forces.*
- *Seeds – seeds hold the hope of new life*
- *Leaf – set at 11:00 position to remind us of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the armistice was signed.*

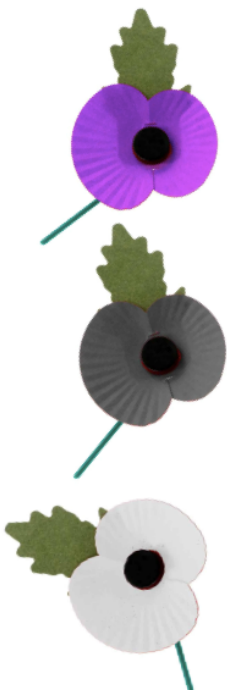


Not all poppies worn are red...

The purple poppy is often worn to remember animals that have helped during combat. Animals like horses, dogs and pigeons were often drafted to help soldiers.

The black poppy is most commonly used to remember black, African and Caribbean people who contributed to the war effort.

The white poppy is handed out by a charity called Peace Pledge Union. They focus on finding peace and challenging the way we look at war.





Pinwheel Poppy

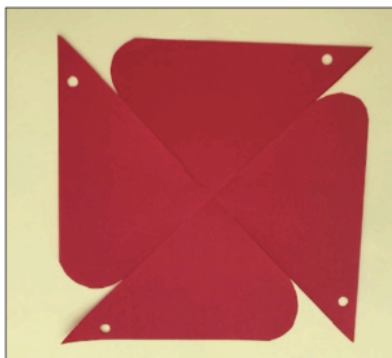
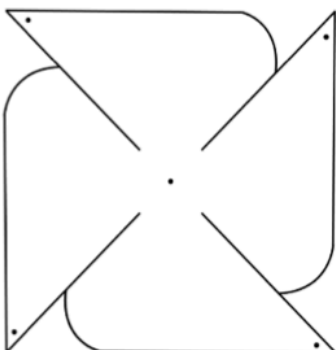
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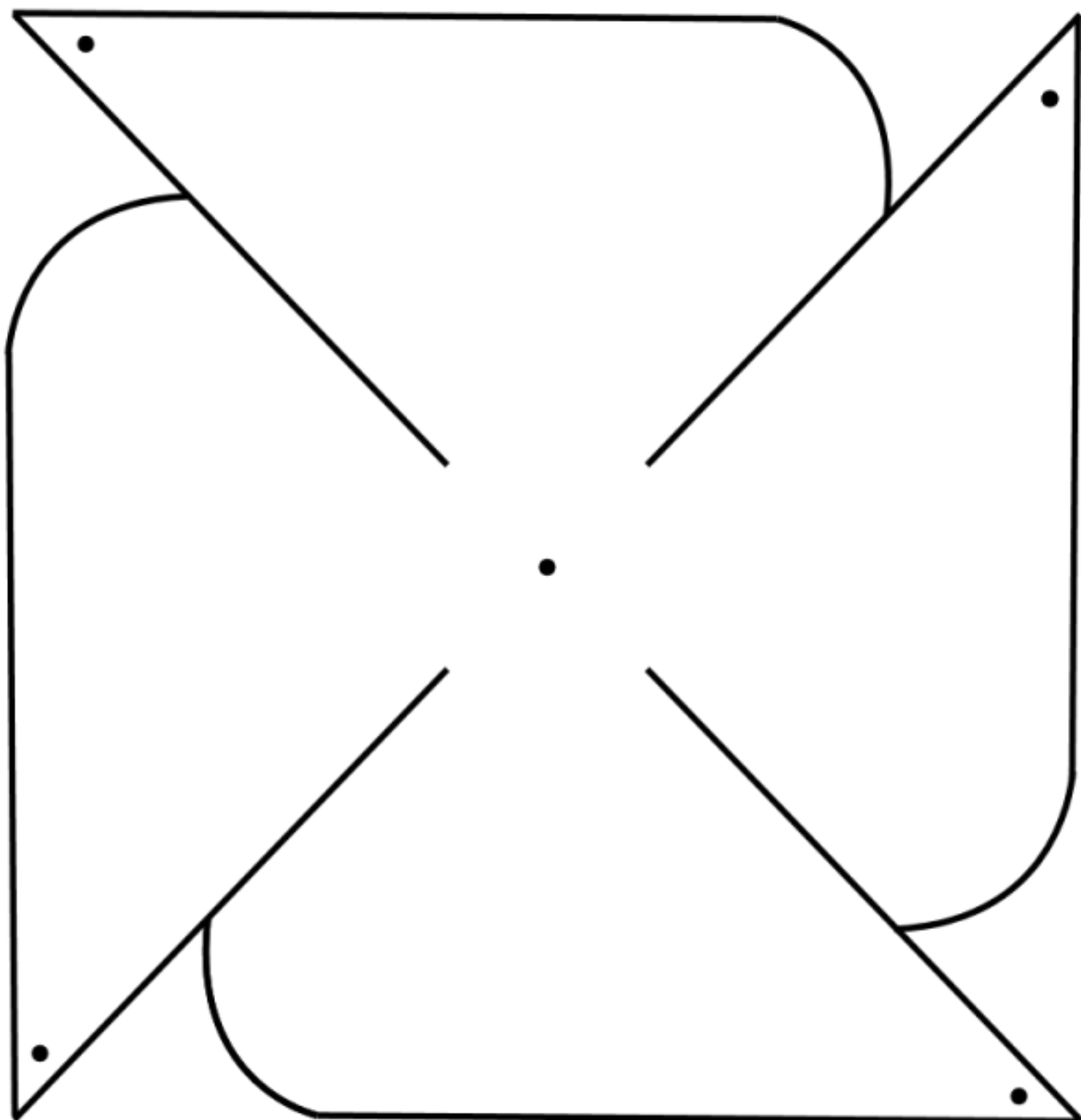
- Red paper
- Template (next page)
- Scissors
- Paper fastener
- Black sharpie
- Hole punch



Instructions:

1. Print or draw template onto the red paper
2. Cut along the lines of the template
3. Use a hole punch to make holes on the four corner dots, and make a hole in the centre by pushing your paper fastener through.
4. Curl each pointed end to the centre and put the paper fastener through all the holes.
5. Colour the paper fastener black to look like the poppy seeds.
6. Make a second template and add it to the original poppy if you want a fuller poppy shape.







Poppy Wreath

What you need:

- Egg carton
- Paper plate
- Green red & black paint
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions:

1. With help from an adult, cut the middle out of the paper plate to create a ring
2. Paint the ring green
3. With help from an adult, cut an egg carton into single cups
4. Paint the cups red
5. Once the red has dried, paint a black dot in the middle of each cup to look like a poppy
6. Use glue to stick your poppies to the green ring
7. Place your wreath somewhere special in your home or take it to a war memorial
8. When you see it, remember those who help us and keep us safe.



Handprint Dove

What you need:

- White paint / white paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paper for background
- Pens



Instructions:

1. Either use white paint on your hand to make a handprint, or draw round hand on white paper
2. Cut out handprint
3. Stick handprint onto the background paper
4. Use a black pen to draw an eye and beak onto the thumb, a wing on the palm, and feet sticking out of the bottom
5. You can also draw a branch in the dove's mouth

Why a dove?

In the bible, Noah sent a dove to look for land when the whole world was flooded. One day, the dove returned holding an olive branch. This was a sign of land, a symbol of hope and peace on Earth.

On remembrance day, it is also important to think about the future. We want peace on Earth, with an end to war and an end to fighting. This dove will help to remind you of that.



What you need:

- Tray
- Household items
- Tea towel



How to play:

1. Arrange items on the tray (start with 10, increase number to make it harder, decrease to make it easier).
2. Players need to look at the items and try to remember them all.
3. One player removes an item while everyone else is looking away
4. Everyone then tries to guess which item has been removed – first to get it right wins
5. You can take it in turns to remove something from the tray.

Things to talk about:

- Talk about how easy you find it to remember things.
- Is it easy to remember special days?
- What helps us to remember special days in the year?



Remembrance Prayer



Make a heart shape with fingers and thumbs.
Thank you, God, that you love us. Thank you for the people who help us and people who have made sacrifices in wartime and conflicts to bring us hope and a brighter tomorrow.



Make a cross shape with your arms.
Thank you, God, that Jesus gave his life for us. Thank you for the amazing love you have towards everyone.



Make a circle shape with your arms raised above your head.
Thank you for people in our wonderful world who help us. Be with those struggling now with war and fighting. Remind us to love each other and to always be thankful for those who help us.

In Jesus' name.
Amen

