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THE REPAIR SHOP

I like watching television and one of the programmes I have been really enjoying is 'The Repair Shop'. It makes me feel good because it is all about care.

People from all over the country bring broken cherished items, often family heirlooms, to the Repair Shop set in the grounds of the Weald and Downland Museum in Sussex. Clocks, china, pictures, furniture, toys –

they all have happy memories of times spent with people who loved and cared for them.



The love and care continues as you watch the craftsmen and women at work. They are so patient and painstaking. Clocks are taken apart and each tiny piece cleaned. Cracks in china are

repaired and meticulously painted over. Furniture is restored and a teddy bear re-stuffed so he can go to Australia. (He was stuffed originally with straw and so banned!) The magic moment comes when the items are collected. Tears of joy are commonplace and sometimes from the repair team.

In a world where waste is commonplace and items are discarded as fashions change it is a real pleasure to watch such care and love in action. I wonder what childhood memories and family heirlooms there will be in the future.

At least when we feel broken, there is no need to find a repair shop. We just need to pray.

Ann Hanrahan

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**As members of St. Augustine's with St. Luke's, we seek to follow Jesus' command
— to share God's love with our community.**

AN OPPORTUNITY

An **opportunity** to remember – to remember those whom we love, but no longer see. Let us take our part in our own very special

**Memorial Service at St Augustine's church on Sunday, 28 October
at 3.00 pm.**

We are all invited to bring along with us a single flower, offered as a symbol of our love for those we still hold near and dear in our hearts. These will be gathered together as a beautiful flower display for all to enjoy.

Don't let's miss this **opportunity** to support those who may be entering our church for the very first time. As members of this congregation, who also are mourning the loss of loved ones, let us be there, to listen to their stories and to share with those recently bereaved their sorrow and their pain. We can all be listening – it is not coming up with advice as the word implies – no – it is listening – and empathising – sitting with another and feeling their loss with them. Some of those present will already have been grieving for some time, knowing that their loved one's life had been slipping away; others will have experienced the shock of sudden death. Let's be there for them to offer them comfort, giving them the time and space in which to express their grief. This may mean us sitting with them in silence, if this seems more appropriate.

So this is an **opportunity** for us to prove to them that life does go on, even if it will never be quite the same again. They will discover for themselves that it is better – far better – to have 'loved and lost, than never to have loved at all'.

Let us take this **opportunity** to share our faith – not necessarily using words – the opportunity to share with them our belief that Jesus Christ lived and died and lives again; proving that death is not the end – and that He is the only Way to eternal life – a mystery that we will never fully understand this side of the grave.

Don't let us miss this **opportunity** to share reciprocal blessing!



Sally Morris

Calling All Knits



Rochester Cathedral is hosting the '5.000 Poppies' Exhibition this November, featuring thousands of poppies knitted by the local community. If you've got a spare few minutes and some scrap red yarn, then why not help knit (or crochet) some poppies for St. A's Remembrance Day Service this year. Below is a simple pattern you can use, but you can use any poppy pattern you like.

You will need:

A pair of 4mm needles
Any DK red yarn
A small black button

Cast on 60 sts using 4mm needles and DK red yarn

Rows 1-8 (K2, P2) to end.

Row 9 (K2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Row 10 (S2kpo) to end. [10 sts]

Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn. Join the edges of the poppy together and sew the black button in the centre of the poppy.

In order to have enough time to put our display together, we will need all the poppies by the end of October.

You can also find another [free pattern for a knitted poppy](#) from the National Museum of the Royal Navy, and there's a [free pattern for a crochet poppy](#) from Simply Crochet too.

'Never Again'



The last living veteran of World War I was Florence Green, a British citizen who served in the Allied armed forces, and who died on 4 February 2012, aged 110. The number of World War II veterans still alive today is rapidly declining. As the years go by, we lose the first-hand stories of the atrocities of these wars and yet we are called to



remember. We remember the sacrifice that was made for us, the sacrifice that has kept this country free from war for over 70 years.

As we look back on tragic events which have long been confined to the history books, how many times have we heard those two words, 'never again'? Never again, and yet each time we switch on the news, or pick up a newspaper, all we see is conflict: conflict between countries from across the globe. It's a far too familiar story, with history constantly repeating itself. Countries at war may seem far away and yet time and time again, we see similar conflicts on our own streets, with young men losing their lives ... still. What have we really learned?

In September, I visited Flanders with a group of Ordinands and Curates. We saw the trenches where so many lost their lives; heard stories of shocking injuries, gas attacks, squalid, desperate conditions and scorched, desolate landscapes; four years when the battle raged around a barely shifting front. We saw gravestones stretching as far as the eye could see filled with sons, husbands, fiancés, grandsons and many lists of names whose bodies have never been found.

And yet there was hope. That wonderful story of the Christmas football match between the English and German soldiers, where recognition that all are human beings. Today there are many people from different lands all trying to play their part in building peace. Courageous Palestinians having been denied their human rights for generations yet refuse to turn to violence. Israeli peace activists facing hostility from their own communities bravely work to bring people together and understand each other, though these actions seldom get reported in the news. Peace and reconciliation must continue to grow.

We believe in a God who understands our suffering, who had first-hand experience of suffering on the cross of Calvary. We believe in a God who cares for all his children, and for whom justice and peace are qualities of his being. Jesus said 'blessed are the peacemakers'.

So, this year, the centenary of the end of WWI, more than ever, let us not forget those who gave their lives for us and let us actively work for peace. And that peace starts with us being kind, forgiving others, serving others and seeking understanding and fellowship with those who seem different from us.

Let us remember that 'never again' starts with you and me.

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Changing the tune!: 2makeit

The news in the last year has frequently highlighted increasing challenges in prisons: growing and more complex needs whilst budgets fall. A survey of prison charities revealed that ‘30% of organisations had reduced and 21% had closed services...because they could not secure funding’. To continue to survive and meet such needs, we had to adapt.

The original Changing Tunes charity continued with its original work in the South West, while Changing Tunes (London & South East) became 2Makeit. The name is new, but our charitable purpose, registered charity number, trustees (and director!) remain the same with a slightly broader focus and fewer geographical restrictions.

Following consultation with prisoners, prison staff, academics and other charities, we are developing new programmes centred on music. This will meet the demand for creativity in prisons by responding more directly to local conditions, meeting prisoners’ needs and enabling them ‘2Makeit’.

Rehabilitation and personal change come through collaboration, especially when two or more people engage in a creative endeavour, hence our new name: 2Makeit. In custody perhaps more than anywhere else, performing in front of an audience, receiving praise and being recognised as a writer or musician, rather than an *offender*, demonstrates the significant impact of creativity

We are delighted that one of our first projects is at Medway Secure Training Centre alongside chaplain Rev. Nick Ash. The Centre is a secure establishment currently holding about 50 young people aged between 12 and 18 years, who have been sentenced or remanded in custody. There is a full education curriculum in the Centre and senior managers have asked 2Makeit to provide weekly music sessions to complement this, recognising the value of creativity for vulnerable young people in custody.



For more information about this charity visit www.2makeit.org



A prisoner’s painting:

Image courtesy of one of our partner organisations, the social enterprise Pictora Ltd

Phil Emery
Director
2Makeit

Ed: Nick Ash, son of our former Vicar, Brian Ash, is coming to St. A’s to preach at our 10 am service on Sunday 28 October.



Reflections after 48 years of being a reader.

Having served as a CMS Accountant Missionary in Nigeria for ten years, I returned to my home in Skipton Yorkshire to continue working in accountancy. A friend, who was a reader at my home church suggested to me that I consider training as a reader and my vicar agreed. I recognised it was God's calling, so on 2 October 1970 I was admitted by the Bishop of Bradford as a reader in the Diocese.

No duties were given on the certificate. As we had a daughter church I took services there. Only when the vicar was not present did I take services and preach at the parish church. However this was the Yorkshire dales, where most villages have a church and there are few clergy, so I was soon busy taking services and preaching at Haworth in the 'Brontë church' and also at Arncliffe, the original 'Emmerdale'.

In 1976 I was asked to return to CMS as accountant at their HQ in London and we came to live in Cloisters Avenue. In November that year I was licensed to St. Augustine's with a list of services a reader could lead. I thought I was coping well when one member of the congregation said to me, "I do enjoy your sermons", but then added, "I love your Yorkshire accent!".

I can truly say that I have enjoyed friendship with each of the three vicars I have worked with, although I told Katrina when she came that I was doubtful about women in leadership in the church. When I began as a reader, women were not even licensed as readers! Finally I would add, God will speak to anyone of us through a friend if we listen. There is a job for every Christian if we look.

Kenneth Gill

An Anniversary Trip to Remember

The Trefoil Guild is 75 years old this year, so as part of the celebrations two boatloads of ladies –plus a few men – took a trip on the Danube. After flying to Munich, we joined the boats at Passau in Germany. En route to Vienna we called at Melk in Austria, where we toured a beautiful abbey high above the river.



Tours of Vienna, city and palace, were followed by a celebratory reception evening in the town, with musical entertainment. Then on through lovely wooded scenery and several locks until we reached Budapest, where we moored overnight, then toured the twin cities of Buda and Pest, which are on either side of the river. A folk evening, complete with goulash and schnapps followed, then next morning we were further entertained at a dramatic horse show.

We turned round at Budapest and on the way back visited Bratislava, where this time, instead of the usual coach tours, we travelled round the city by 'Noddy' train. Next day our final visit was to the pretty little town of Durnstein in Austria, where we climbed up to another abbey.



On board our boat we were royally feasted – there was so much variety at breakfast it could have lasted all day! – and entertained, especially on 'pirate night'; but walking the plank was only threatened! The 'pirates' even cooked us a large birthday cake. A lovely, memorable trip, but alas, the 'beautiful blue Danube' was more of a muddy grey/green – but I did manage to catch it with a blue hue at sunset.

Chris Regas

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Looking back... and Going Forward

A recent homework for A Little Girl I Know meant looking back in time to when her grandparents were very young and almost up to to the present day. For her it seemed a very long time, so much had happened to them and to the world as a whole.

The children were asked to bring items from these times to create a time-line. One of her friends brought in a cassette tape of a well known pop group from the early 90s. A few of us older Mums managed to sing a slightly tuneless version of one of their better known songs. Another child brought in an old football programme from a local team. The range of different items was really interesting to see, both for the children and the parents. A Little Girl I Know asked what she could bring in to show. I felt a touch of sadness when I realised that I hadn't got much. I guess a number of house moves meant that I had probably sorted out and thrown more things away than most people.

That weekend as we sorted out what was to go back into her newly decorated bedroom, she casually said, "Mum can you put this item into my memory box for me to see again when I am older". That was it. Very soon we had the boxes out and we were taken back



to a time before she was born and up to the present day. It passed a happy hour or two.

Her first pair of shoes, so tiny, size 2G! We laughed as we compared them to her latest pair of school shoes, a massive 5E.

As we did this, we talked about the forthcoming school year. So much to do and achieve - finding the right secondary school for her included. I'll be honest: I often feel overwhelmed by the thought of the momentous the year ahead, although I know that we have family and friends around us, who will be there to support us as they always have.

A Little Girl I Know reminded me recently of a small card I bought in a church we visited during the summer holiday, its words so meaningful and comforting in this time of change.

'Faith is putting your hand out in the dark and finding it held.'

Amen (so be it) I say.

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Parish People

Good luck this year to **Jonathan** and **Katherine Emery**. Jonathan is off to Durham University to embark on an MA in philosophy and Katherine is about to start her final year at Leicester University studying archaeology. Mum and Dad just have to provide the support!

After a hectic summer in Kenya with the Scouts, **James Fairhurst** has moved to Bullers Wood school to start his Sixth Form studies and so is **Andi James**. Anita and John Bruce's granddaughter, **Eleanor**, has begun her Sixth Form studies at Eltham College, having gained 10 A*s in her GCSE. Well done to all.

John and **Anita Bruce** recently attended their granddaughter **Isabel's** High School Graduation in America, where it's a big occasion. The Class of 2018, 130 of them, paraded onto the sports field in their red robes and red mortarboards to the school band playing 'Land of Hope and Glory' traditionally associated in the States with High School graduation. The national anthem was sung, the school President welcomed everyone and then followed two Graduation addresses – one given by Isabel, who also received a substantial Scholarship towards her 4-year university course in North Carolina.

Happy birthday to **Lorna Murray**, who celebrated her 70th with family and friends at a special lunch at Chislehurst Golf club.

Congratulations to **Alan** and **Valerie Gorman** on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



On behalf of everyone at St Augustine's we would like to say 'goodbye and thank you very much' to **Nickie Streek**. Nickie is leaving the post of Parish administrator which she has done with the utmost efficiency (and patience!) for the last four years. She is looking forward to undertaking a gardening course and to travelling with Paul to Australia.



We are sad to announce the death of **Demerese Tyldesley**, peacefully in the evening of Saturday 1 September 2018, aged 91 years. Much loved mother of **Andrew Tyldesley** and **Nicola Jones**, Demerese was born in Lincoln, moved to Cheshire with her parents and subsequently relocated to Bickley as a young married woman with two toddlers in 1961. Demerese was beautiful, kind and hospitable, loved gardening and her family. She was also a very efficient PA/Secretary to professional architects and accountants. Demerese came to St Augustine's with Nicola while she could but sadly her final months were challenged by Alzheimers and she moved to a care home in Woking close to Andrew and his young family. Family and friends will miss her lovely presence. She is now at peace.

We have also heard of the death of **Celia Levitt**, who will be known to many of you.

From the Parish Register

Funerals. We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of

Lee William AYLING



Dates for your Diary

9 October	Trefoil Guild	8.00 pm
16 October	Forget-me-Not Café	1.30 - 3.30 pm
17 October	M.U. - 'Spot the Baby'	2.00 pm
24 October	Bits and Pieces'	7.45 pm
30 October	Forget-me-Not Café	1.30 - 3.30 pm

Children and Youth Activities

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Singing Group Thursdays 7.45 pm	Lucy Adcock	020 8467 4535

Worship with us on Sundays

Sun	8.00 am at St. Luke's	10.00 am at St. Augustine's	Evening Worship
1st	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm
2nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm
3rd	Holy Communion	Family Service	
4th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm

Worship with us on Weekdays

Mon - Sat: 9.15 am	Morning Prayer (not Wednesdays)
Wednesday 11.45 am	Holy Communion

Join us on.....

Tues 10.00 am	The Three Cs
Wed 10.00 am	Parent and Toddler
Thurs 10.30 am	Sally's Exercise Class

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