

St John's Call Monthly

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St, John's Anglican Church



November is a month in which we remember. November 11th at 11:11am we celebrate the end of the war to end all wars. That was 100 years ago this year. The First World War was so bloody and costly that when it ended they thought we had learned, We hadn't. Many of us have relatives that fought in one the military conflicts over the past 100 years. My grandfather served as a signalman in the trenches of the First War, he was on 5'4" so he could stand up and not be seen. My uncle served as a pilot trainer in the second, angry that he never got to fight. My dad told me Grampa would never talk about the war. It was too difficult I guess. That's pretty common among vets,

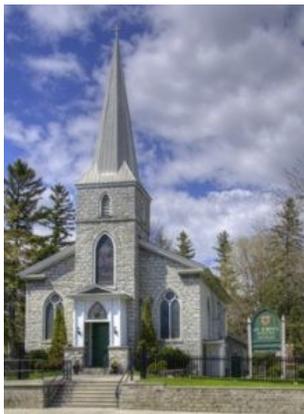
too many bad memories. Grampa made it home with most of limbs attached, but also with shrapnel embedded in his body until he died. So many others weren't so lucky. This month we remember all those who gave of their lives fighting for freedom in the last 100 years, not just those who died but those who lived and continue to carry the burden of their luck as well. It's important for us to do so, not just to honour their sacrifice, but to help us to understand their suffering and hopefully give us the ability to not let it happen again.

That is why we will pause on Sunday the 11th. There will be no 10:30 service on this November 11th at St. John's. The doors will be open for private prayer, but instead of a service, I ask that you join with me and others of our community at the Cenotaph and remember.

Remembrance Day isn't the only Day of Remembrance in November. We start on November 1st by celebrating All Saints Day. That's the day we remember all our Christian brothers and sisters who have gone before us, many of them giving their lives in the name of Jesus Christ. For most of us there was

some Christian saint, whether it be a family member or friend, who shared their faith with us and helped us to find Christ, gave us the gumption to follow Him. For me it was many people, but looking back, I can see strong influences from two men, my father and my best friend's father. Dad had a strong faith and showed it in how he lived, something I didn't understand until later in life. I didn't realize it until I was older, but he gave me the firmest of foundations to build on and a life to emulate. My friend's dad talked about faith as well as lived it at a time when I needed to hear it, needed to understand it better. This month besides all the others who have shared the gospel allowing me to be who I am today, it is those two men I remember most and thank God for. Now its my turn to be that person for someone else, a father who lives a life showing a strong faith and sharing God's love and a pastor who shares the Word to help others understand and find a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ. Who are your Christian heroes? Who helped form your faith, grow your faith? And to whom are you a hero? Wil+

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Weekly Services :

Sunday Services—9am said and 10:30am w/ music
Wednesday Night Service & Bible Study—7:00pm –9:00pm
(starting November 7th)

Monthly Events:

3rd Sunday: Service at Sunnycrest - 2:30pm
Last Wednesday: Scrabble - in the church basement - 1:00pm

Upcoming Events:

Remembrance Day Service 9am only. The church will remain open for private prayer @ 10:30. Cenotaph begins at 10:30
Mission Planning days—November 17th and 24th @10am
Snowflake Bazaar—December 1st @10am
Sunday December 23rd—Carol Service @ 10am
Christmas Services—December 24th at 7:00pm and 11:15pm
and December 25th at 10am

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Prayer is so very important, yet it is on of the first things that gets put aside when our lives get busy. Spending time with God sometimes lacks the glamour of some of the other things we do in this busy time of the year, yet we need to hold on to that time, to lift of praise, offer our pleas and listen to His call.

Please spend time this month giving thanks for those who have gone before and pray-

ing for Synod which occurs on November 9th-10th, our parish visioning days on November 17th and 24th, and for those in need.

There are many who need a healing touch from God so please remember to prayer for those around us. A few names to start with..Glen, Klaus, Johanna, Harold, Joy, Bob, Joyce, Hilda, David, Norm, Jim, Bud, Joan, Ralph, and Weisha.