

# MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

## weekly message

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**Sunday 8th November 10.50am**  
**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

We take time to remember the cost of war and women and men in the services and civilians who lost life or suffered injury.

There are only 24 places in the church each Sunday so you **MUST** text/phone/email Russell if you want to attend.



‘Wearing either a red or white poppy or both is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families.’ ‘It represents all those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day. ‘It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.’

Folks

I was visiting Corstorphine Hill Cemetery this week and was struck to see the section with War Graves. The graves of so many Polish soldiers made me think about how war is so disruptive and destructive yet can build deep bonds for people of many different nationalities.



Without doubt we need to extend our vision beyond narrow nationalism where we know God’s heart and love is for people of every place.



In 1 John 4:7 we read

***Let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.***

In our present time we might think of refugees displaced from the terrors of war in their own country and extend our love to them in prayer.

**God’s richest blessing to each and to all**

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# Poems and prayers for Remembrance

## a hymn — poem

May be sung to the music, *Finlandia*, by Sibelius

### Grant peace, O Lord,

across our strife-torn world,  
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.  
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,  
That all are human and all pay the price.  
All life is dear and should be treated so;  
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.

### Protect, dear Lord,

all who, on our behalf,  
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.  
May they find courage for each task they face  
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.  
Then, duty done and missions at an end,  
Return them safe to family and friends.

### Grant rest, O Lord,

to those no longer with us;  
Who died protecting us and this their land.  
Bring healing, Lord, to those who,  
through their service,  
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.  
With those who mourn support and comfort share.

### Give strength to those

who for hurt loved-ones care.  
And some there be who no memorial have;  
Who perished are as though they'd never been.  
For our tomorrows their today they gave,  
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.  
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,  
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

#### VOICE

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

#### ALL SAY

We will remember them.

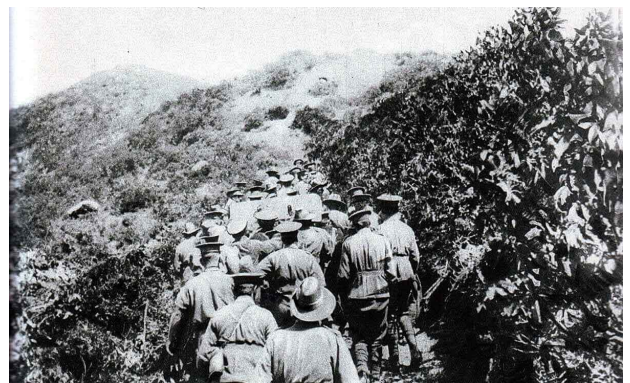
**Charles Henrywood, wrote this in 2009 for use at a ceremony in South Wales to include those who had lost life since 1945. He reflected that other than 1963, not a year had passed without at least one of our Servicemen being killed in the line of duty —peacekeeping comes at a price!**

**Poppies were the first flowers to grow in the battlefields of Belgium and France where many soldiers were buried. Their paper thin petals were the first sign of new life and renewal.**



## Turkish Memorial to ANZAC troops, situated on the Turkish coast at Gallipoli

Those heroes who shed their blood  
and lost their lives,  
you are now lying in the soil  
of a friendly country.  
Therefore rest in peace.



There is no difference  
between the Johnnies and the Mehments  
to us where they lie side by side  
in this country of ours.

You, the mothers who sent their sons  
from far away countries  
wipe away your tears,  
your sons are now lying in our bosom  
and are in peace.  
After having lost their lives on this land  
they become our sons as well.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk