

Subject: Remembrance Day guidelines Sunday 8/11/20

From the Parish Council..

Most years we have a large number of people come and pay their respects to our war heroes WW1, WW2 and other conflicts.

This year, due to Covid, it would be a challenge to health and safety to have a large gathering at the memorial.

We are therefore going to invite only one or two representatives from each organisation that usually attends to place a cross or wreath at the memorial.

There will then be a short service led by Rev Caren for the 2-minute silence. There will be no choir or singing. Volunteers will try to live stream this to the village FB page.

There will be no procession from the church or usual service following the short memorial service.

8th November: There will be a service in church 10.30am-11.15am for 30 people. Pre-booked tickets from Rev Caren.

At 4pm -5pm there will be a service of Lament. People can come and go during this time if they need a quiet space to pray or reflect. Again pre bookings from Rev Caren for time slots to enable households to stay safe.

We hope villagers will understand why we are not encouraging attendees at the memorial this year. If you do come, please remember to stay 2m away from others and in groups of 6 or less, as per guidelines.

Given the rapidly changing situation these arrangements may need to be cancelled or modified at short notice.

Rev Caren / Clifton Parish Council

From the All Saints Clifton Ministry Team....

It is with great sadness that, this year, services of remembrance at the Clifton War Memorial and in the Church will be highly restricted in attendance due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the requirement to follow Government guidelines.

We appreciate that many people will be looking for alternative ways of remembering the fallen. You may like to stand on your doorstep at 11:00am on Remembrance Sunday or you may wish to pray in your own home or perhaps light a candle.

Alternatively, we invite you to join with us, and All Saints Academy, in remembering through a painted poppy cobble which can be laid along the edges of the pathway up to All Saints Church. A cobble can be collected from behind the lych-gate at the Church. They are available now. Please paint the poppy on one side of the cobble and put your initials on the reverse. Cover the paint with PVA glue or varnish to ensure the paint does not run.

Poppy cobbles can be placed along the edges of the path anytime between now and Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November.

If you would like to collect your cobble after Remembrance Day, please do so. Any cobbles left will be removed and placed in Church. They will be re-laid next year, to remember this year.

We hope that you can join us with us in this act of remembrance and that you enjoy making the cobbles.

Thank you very much.

Revd Caren Topley and the All Saints Clifton Ministry Team