

Forthcoming Events

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018

Sunday 23rd September 9.30am St Andrew's Church

This is the annual service of celebration to give thanks for the harvest from the land – our farms, allotments and gardens - and the sea. After a winter, spring and summer of 'interesting and sometimes challenging' weather we will be celebrating.



We also take the opportunity to remember those who find growing food and securing good diets so much harder than we do. For many years St Andrew's Church has donated the collection at the Harvest Festival to Farm Africa, a charity working in East Africa supporting local farmers.

If you are a farmer, 'grow your own' on the allotment or in the garden – come and join the celebration. Gifts of food – fresh and preserved – are welcome and these, with the gifts from the school, are donated to Maggs Day Centre in Worcester.



This year we welcome Alison Maddocks, the diocesan stewardship officer as our speaker.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on November 11th – the eleventh day of the eleventh month exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. As happens every year, there will be a march from the Crown & Sandys led by the Stourport Scout and Guide Band, the laying of wreaths and the roll call of names of those who have died in the Great War and also in the 2nd World War. We will fall silent for 2 minutes to remember the men of this village who gave their lives for our freedom.



As a community, four years ago, we commemorated the start of the First World War with an evening vigil. Be part of this special event to commemorate the end of the war from 10.40 am. The war memorial event is followed by a service of Remembrance in the church led by Rev Peter Kerr and will include the dedication of Poppies from the *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* display at the Tower of London in 2014.

Following the service, there will be a buffet lunch. Further details about the venue and tickets in the October edition of the magazine.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR SERVICE



Many people serve St Andrew's church in many different ways – cleaning, singing, flower arranging, editing the parish magazine,



refreshments and the list goes on!!

To celebrate this service and to thank all those involved there will be a special service of thanksgiving on

Sunday 25th November at 11.00am

The service will be led by Rev Peter Kerr and the preacher will be The Very Rev Peter Atkinson the Dean of Worcester Cathedral.



This will also be an opportunity to celebrate our patron saint Andrew whose festival is on 30th November. The service will be followed by special refreshments!

Put this in your diary and watch for YOUR invite.

Elgar Chorale concert in Ombersley

AUTUMN SERENADE

We are delighted to announce that, at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th October, the Elgar Chorale of Worcester is visiting St Andrew's Church to perform a concert of music and readings celebrating the season of Autumn and Remembrance, and to raise funds for the church. This concert is particularly poignant because it will be the first since the death of Dr Donald Hunt, who was the founder and conductor of the choir for thirty-five years. Songs and anthems composed by Edward Elgar and Hubert Parry will feature. They will also be performing some delightful Spirituals arranged by Piers Maxim, who has been the conductor of the Elgar Chorale for the past three years.

Tickets are £10 and available either from Louise & Howard Robinson, other members of St Andrew's, or via the Elgar Chorale website: ***www.elgarchorale.com***

Light refreshments will be available during the interval. For more information, please contact Louise and Howard Robinson on 01905 620995.