

Thought for the Month

November 2019

November feels like an “in between” month. Summer seems a distant memory, the fleeting beauty of autumn is fading and, as the clocks go back, the evenings are drawing in. For all that, the excitement of the festive season and New Year have yet to take hold, or indeed the worst of the winter weather.

Perhaps because of this we seem to find ourselves looking back over a year that feels like it is reaching its end. We might, perhaps, recall loved ones who are no longer with us. In the national context, November is also a time of shared acts of remembrance, as we recall those who have served in conflict past and present in defence of our Christian values and way of life.

At Holy Trinity, we have a number of services during November aimed specifically to help at this time of year. The All Souls’ service offers a chance to come together, to remember loved ones and perhaps to share our reminiscences of good times in their company. Our Remembrance Sunday services offer us the chance to remember the sacrifices of others made on our behalf, and a shared hope for the future.

In John’s Gospel, Jesus described himself as “the light of the world”. He is a beacon of God’s love in our world, and in the midst of our reflecting and remembering, he offers something to hold onto and gives us confidence and strength to face the whatever the future brings.

Yes, November may be a time to look back and reflect, but it is also a time to look forward with renewed hope and confidence for the future.

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