



### Murmurings from the Manse

It is more usual to have a joint December/January newsletter, but when does Malmesbury URC ever do what is usual?

So we have November and December – or Remembrance and Waiting.

Could they go together?

Remembrance tells the timeless story not just of those who gave their lives but those who fought through the long dark years of war & came home, changed forever by their experience. Waiting, or Advent leads us from the world's darkness to the light of the long awaited Messiah.

Both require patience, both ask for an effort of understanding and both require a mind open to new ways and discoveries.

And for a people of faith, both the soldier in the trench, vulnerable, fearful, desperate for a ceasefire and peace, and the people living through darkness, holding on to the promise of the light that is to come provide insights into the strength of the human character and what that character can withstand.

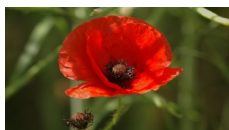
Both these months bring challenges and both ask the big questions of faith and both matter hugely, especially in light of the divisions in today's world. Both have much to teach us as we remember what has been and pray for the darkness of uncertainty to be lifted.

So perhaps, and not for the first time, Malmesbury URC breaks new ground by putting these together.

Remember, pray and wait.

*Sarah*

On a sad note our dear friend Ann Thomas passed away on Friday 18th of October. We ask your prayers for Glyn and the family.



### Many Congratulations :-

To **Poppy** who raised £150 for the North Wilts Historic Churches Appeal.

To **Dennis** on reaching 90



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### **NOV-JAN 2020 SERVICES**

<b>3 Nov</b>	<b>10.30 Café Service Sara Crabb</b>
<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>10.30 Remembrance. Martin Osman</b>
<b>17 Nov</b>	<b>10.30 Terry Riches Junior Church</b>
<b>24 Nov</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Sarah Simpson H/C</b>
<b>1 Dec</b>	<b>10.30 Café Service Sara Crabb</b>
<b>8 Dec</b>	<b><u>6.30pm</u> Carol Service Rev Sarah Simpson</b>
<b>15 Dec</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Sarah Simpson Junior Church</b>
<b>22 Dec</b>	<b>10.30 Brian Leitch</b>
<b>25 Dec</b>	<b>10.30 Bernard Crabb H/C</b>
<b>29 Dec</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Sarah Simpson</b>
<b>5 Jan</b>	<b>10.30 Café Service Sara Crabb</b>
<b>12 Jan</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Sarah Simpson</b>
<b>19 Jan</b>	<b>10.30 Terry Riches</b>
<b>26 Jan</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Sarah Simpson H/C</b>
<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>10.30 Bernard Crabb</b>
<b>9 Feb</b>	<b>10.30 Rev Andrew Francis</b>