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Letter to the Parish from Lord Salisbury—100 years since the end of World War 1

The First World War changed everything. It destroyed the old European order, bringing down empires. It ushered in the economic dominance of the United States. It almost fatally weakened our country. It effected unprecedented social change, particularly for women. It stimulated rapid technological advances. Worse still, it led directly to a conflict that killed even more people: the Second World War.

The memory and the myths are rightly seared into our national memory: the horrors of the trenches, the million dead sacrificed by Britain and her Empire, the gallantry, the songs, the maimed in mind and body, the widows, the girls who never married. And, framing it all, the genius of Kipling, Lutyens and others who imagined a dignified memorial in verse and stone, not only to those who never returned, but to the sacrifice exacted by the War itself.

Hatfield, like every town and village in the country lost many sons in what justifiably became known as The Great War: 180 of them. Many of them were valued workers on the Hatfield Estate. Prime Minister Salisbury, had he lived, would have had to endure the loss of five of his grandsons. Other Hatfield grandparents lost as much.

1st Hertfordshire Regiment and band march to Hatfield as part of a recruitment drive which included an open meeting and church parade at Salisbury Square—June 1915



On Armistice Day in 1918, a great service was held on the North Front of Hatfield House to give thanks for peace and to remember the dead. On the 100th anniversary of that Armistice, it is fitting that we should re-enact that service to remember our dead and their families, to salute their gallantry and patriotism and to give thanks for our deliverance from a conflict which, had we lost it, would have had unimaginable consequences for our country right up to the present day.

In dignity and solemnity, we will remember them. But, we also owe it to them to build a country worthy of their sacrifice. *Salisbury*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them
From 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon (1914)

Parish of Bishop's Hatfield St Etheldreda with St Luke regular services

St Etheldreda's Church

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School
3rd Sunday of month: 9.30am All age Eucharist

Tuesday: 9am Morning Prayers
Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion
Thursday: 7pm Holy Communion or Compline

Notice: St Eth's 11th November 9.30am service will start at 9.15am. There is no service at St Luke's on 11th—all are invited to join St Eth's at 9.15am service

St Luke's Church Holy Communion
Sunday: 11.30am with hymns

Children's Sunday School: meets at 9.20am on Sundays in term time at 12 Fore Street (STEPS office)

November Weddings & Baptisms

24th November: The wedding of Richard Gill & Rebekah Knight

Please contact Fr Darren to book your Wedding or Baptism t: 01707 256638 e: frdarren@yahoo.co.uk

What's on in November at St Etheldreda's & St Luke's Churches

4th November 2pm: All Souls Service at St Luke's Church

10th November 5.00pm: Words and Music for Remembrance, Concert at St Etheldreda's Church

11th November 7am: Sunrise Act of Remembrance at the War Grave Cemetery off the Great North Road

11th November 10.45am: Remembrance Service at Hatfield Memorial Gardens,

11th November after the 10.45 service: Recreation of the thanksgiving service held at the North Front of Hatfield House after the signing of the armistice in 1918

11th November 5.30pm: Hatfield House hosts Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute Beacon Lighting ceremony

11th November 7.05pm: St Eth's church bells will be Ringing Out for Peace

What's on in November in the Bishops Hatfield Team

3rd November 8am: Men's Breakfast at St Michael & All Angels Church

3rd November 10.00am: Ramble leaving St Michael & All Angels Church

4th November 4.00pm: All Souls Service at:

St Michael & All Angels Church, St. John's Church South Hatfield & St Mary's Church North Mymms

13th November 2.30pm: Friendship Teas in The Annexe at St John's Church, Lemsford

14th November 7.30-9.30pm: Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group Shared supper

16th November 2.30-4.00pm: Poetry Group at St Mary's Church, North Mymms

16-18th November: Team Retreat at Pleshey Retreat House, Nr Chelmsford

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What's On at Hatfield House in November

3 NOVEMBER @ 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join the Welwyn Hatfield Conservatives, once again in conjunction with Isabel Hospice, for this market which features fantastic Christmas presents from local businesses.

16 NOVEMBER @ 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

HORROR AT HATFIELD HOUSE- MURDER MYSTERY DINING EXPERIENCE

November 1938... The night's mist swirl around a shadowed country house in Hertfordshire, through the window a small flicker of candlelight can be seen in the distance. A family gathering has turned to horror however, as the body of an esteemed professor is found murdered in the grounds.



The crime scene has left the local police baffled, they have been no given no choice but to call in for help. Hertfordshire police have heard of a new private detective, who has already assisted several times for Scotland Yard when they've hit a dead end. This man is none other than Mr. Sherlock Holmes.

Having travelled to Hatfield House, the clock is ticking for Sherlock and his assistant, Watson to solve the case and tonight, they require your help.

Assemble your Detective teams and join Moonstone Theatre London & Hatfield House for an evening of suspicious suspects, plot-twists and plenty of red herrings along the way!

Join us in the Riding School at 7pm for an evening packed with clues, plot-twists, suspicious suspects and surprises, complete with a 3 Course Dinner served from 8pm onwards.

17 NOVEMBER @ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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A Time for remembering

Father Carl Garner, Domestic Chaplain to Lord Salisbury

For both the Church and the Nation, November is marked by remembrance. In the Western Christian Calendar November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, and November 2nd the commemoration of All Souls. Both are often moved onto the nearest Sunday, All Saints being celebrated in the morning, and All souls in the evening. Both St Eth's and St Luke's will be celebrating All Saints at their Sunday morning services on 4th November, and All Souls at 2pm at St Luke's.

All Saints celebrates our present communion in Christ with the great heroes of the faith down the generations who have shone as lights in the world: the blessed Saints whose examples of goodness, and holiness, and commitment to God and care for others, inspire us, by whose fellowship we are strengthened, and by whose prayers we are supported.

This Communion of Saints includes all who have died in the Lord, both those who have confessed the faith, and those whose faith is known to God alone: and on All Souls day we remember for good those we have known and loved who have died – following the Jewish example of naming them before God: praying that he will perfect his work of sanctification in them, and grant them perfect forgiveness and peace, and number them with his Saints in glory everlasting.

On November 11th 1918 an armistice brought the 1st World War to an end. In London a plain cenotaph was erected, and from the following year an act of remembrance took place. Soon the custom arose of having the main observation on the Sunday following, becoming normative after the 2nd World War—Remembrance Sunday.

It never was about glorifying war. It is and was a remembering – a remembering of the fallen, a remembering of the price paid for freedoms we now enjoy, a remembering of those affected by war – a time to pray that a time would come when there would be real peace and justice in the world, the end of tyranny and state brutality, of inhumane ideologies and isms, and war no more, as the Prophets hoped.

My God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, and the world, peace and concord; and to us sinners, eternal life.

(This is a version of a prayer in Queen Elizabeth 1's Primer as found engraved on the front of Westminster Abbey)

The Great War — Hatfield Roll of Honour — WW1 1914—1918

Remembering those WW1 soldiers from Hatfield who died in service to their country in November



'The armistice was signed at five o'clock this morning, and hostilities are to cease on all fronts at 11am today'—announced Prime Minister David Lloyd George at 10.20am on 11th November 1918. After 52 months of gruelling combat, the war was finally over. Described as the 'war to end all wars', more than 70 million military personnel, including 60 million Europeans, were mobilised in WW1—to fight in one of the largest wars in history. An estimated nine million combatants and seven million civilians died as a direct result—Hatfield suffered the loss of 180 soldiers in the combat. Understood to be one of the deadliest conflicts in the history of humankind it triggered significant political changes, including major revolutions during 1917–1923 in many of the nations involved.

Even though the signing of the armistice, in November 1918, brought WW1 to an end, the war was considered a contributing factor to the sudden and rapid worldwide spread of influenza in 1918/19, which is believed to have started in Spain. This caused further unimaginable suffering and misery, resulting in 20 to 50 million deaths. Not only that, but due to unresolved national frictions, WW2 followed some 20 years later killing even more people.

Jesus said, *'blessed are the peace-makers'* and we pray continually, at St Etheldreda's and St Luke's, for God's grace to motivate, inspire and bless all who work for world peace. We believe that true peace flows from God and that we must allow Christ's love and wisdom to rule in our hearts as a starting point for total world peace. In the ultimate destination, the Kingdom of God, we believe there will be no need for weapons of war as there will be no war, and it is there that ever lasting world peace is to be found. *Father Darren*

Herbert James Baker Age: Approx. 33

Rank: Private
Regiment: Northamptonshire Regiment
Date/Cemetery: 22nd November 1916/Warlencourt British Cemetery

Frederick Bunnage or Bunnidge Age: Approx. 32

Rank: Private
Regiment: Royal Marine Light Infantry, HMS Puma
Date/Memorial: 6th November 1917/Portsmouth Naval Memorial

George Alfred Currell Age: 22

Rank: Private
Regiment: Sherwood Foresters (Notts 7 Derby Regiment) 11th Bn.
Date/Memorial: 4th November 1918/Hatfield War Memorial

Laurence James Gentle Age: 20

Rank: Sapper
Regiment: Royal Engineers 234th Light Railway Coy.
Date/Cemetery: 12th November 1918/Delsaux Cemetery, Beugny

Gilbert Alexander Goody Age: 28

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Kings Royal Rifle Corps 22nd Bn. Attd. 16th Bn.
Date/Cemetery: 6th November 1916/Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte

Edward George Hill Age: Approx. 35

Rank: Private
Regiment: East Surrey Regiment
Date/Memorial: 6th November 1917/Tyne Cot Memorial

Leonard Powley Age: Not known

Rank: Private
Regiment: Royal Fusiliers 8th Bn.
Date/Memorial: 24th November 1917/Cambrai Memorial, Louveral

Christopher George Sharp Age: 23

Rank: Private
Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment 2nd Bn.
Date/Memorial: 9th November 1915/Chocques Military Cemetery

Herbert James Speller Age: 27

Rank: Sapper
Regiment: Royal Engineers 179th Coy
Date/Memorial: 16th November 1916/Albert Communal Cemetery Ext.

Frederick Richard Springett Age: Approx. 19

Rank: Private
Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment 7th Bn.
Date/Memorial: 25th November 1917/Cambrai Memorial, Louveral

James Andrew Starkey Age: 25

Rank: Air Mechanic 1st Class
Regiment: Royal Air Force
Date/Memorial: 6th November 1918/Bishop's Hatfield Churchyard



In Memoriam Jo Roscoe

Hatfield Local History Society presented to St Etheldreda's Church their 2014 publication "In Memoriam, Commemorating the Centenary of WW I 1914 -18". From this we have compiled the Hatfield Roll of Honour each month this year. It is a beautiful book, detailing all those from Hatfield Parish (as it was in those times) who lost their lives in the conflict.

It makes heartbreaking reading – yet it is also inspirational. While it is impossible here to mention everyone, I think of the Hipgrave, Parrott and Stellan families who each lost three sons; and the Speller family who lost four. In all, 180 men died who had lived in Hatfield, or had close family connections with it, at the time of their death. Each of these men, and each of their families, have a story of their own. And these stories go beyond the initial years of shock and grief.

In those days the term "bread winner" meant exactly that. A wife or mother left without a husband or sons was most often left in a state of hardship and impoverishment. But time and time again, the book lists stories of heroism; reveals

a fierce urge to fight for one's country, its way of life, its belief system and all that it stood for; and throws into relief the headstrong, and some might say foolhardy, but now so endearing character of those young men.

For example, the Stockbridge family lost two sons. Cedric Gordon, who enlisted on 1st September 1914, gave his age as 19 years and four months: he was actually sixteen. His brother Alan Abel enlisted three weeks later, giving his age as 19 years and five months: he was seventeen. Cedric worked as a mineral water maker, Alan as a bottler.

Did the older brother not want to be outdone by his younger brother—or was he looking out for him? Did the Recruiting Sergeant really not recognise their youthfulness? Did their mother despair, and was their father proud? Did the sons not like their menial jobs? Who knows? But we do know that both brothers died in action on the 18th May 1915, very possibly in the same battle—both memorials are at Le Touret

... **God love them, they were just children ...**

One grandfather— five grandsons

Robin Harcourt Williams

As acknowledged by Lord Salisbury on the front page, Prime Minister Salisbury had he lived, would have had to endure the loss of five of his grandsons. His son **Lord William** who had been Rector of Hatfield since 1888, had four sons and three daughters. This photograph shows the four boys in happier times.

Rupert (you can read more about him on page 7) was only 20 when he died in 1915. **Randle**, the eldest, died in 1917 and **John** in 1918. Although he was twice wounded the fourth brother, **Victor**, mercifully survived. He is the one on the far right of the photograph. Lord William was known both for his eccentricity and his unassuming kindness. He was greatly loved in the parish, which he left in 1916 to become Bishop of Exeter.



Lord William's four sons from left to right:
Randle, John, Rupert and Victor

George Cecil was the only son of **Lord Edward Cecil**, fourth son of Prime Minister Salisbury. He was born on 9 September 1895 and was the boy chosen to light an enormous bonfire in Hatfield Park to celebrate the Relief of Mafeking in 1900. His Battalion was one of the first to arrive in France on the outbreak of the Great War and he was killed in action at Villers Cotterêts on 1 September 1914.

The fifth grandson was the **Hon. Robert Palmer**, son of the Prime Minister's daughter Maud and her husband **Lord Wolmer** (later Earl of Selborne). Robert was born at Lord Salisbury's London house in Arlington Street on 26 September 1888. He showed early promise, winning a scholarship to Oxford and becoming President of the Oxford Union in 1910. A faithful Christian, he was also President of the Oxford Church Union and spent some time working amongst the poor in Bethnal Green. He was called to the Bar in 1913 and joined the Hampshire Regiment as a Territorial in the same year. Following service in India in 1914, he saw action against the Turks in the country of the Marsh Arabs in present-day Iraq. He died on 21 January 1916 whilst attacking Turkish trenches at Um El Hanna on the bank of the River Tigris. His sensitive and thoughtful *Letters from Mesopotamia 1915-1916* were published after his death.



On 31 October 1917 a large crowd of people gathered in the St Alban's Road in Hatfield outside a house called The Riddles – the home of the Higgs family. They were attending a dedication service conducted by the Rector for what was then described as a War Shrine which was attached to the wall surrounding the property - a position chosen so that it could be seen and accessed by passers-by.

The shrine was described as being “of plain but handsome construction” and exhibiting “a very legible form of prayer for the departed and a list of names of New Town and Roe Green men who have given their lives for their country”. It incorporated a crucifix and a shelf below for vases of flowers.

The woman who was responsible for the existence and indeed the design of the Shrine was Mrs Royds of Kennel Wood House, the widow of St Luke's churchwarden. The cost of £6 12 shillings and 3d was covered by subscriptions gathered from the people of the New Town, Roe Green and Astwick.

The next part of the story is not very edifying. In March 1919 the Parish Magazine reported in tones of sorrowing incredulity that someone had torn down the names of the fallen.

As the war was then over (and considerable discussion was taking place in the town as to the nature and possible site of a war memorial for the town). The Shrine (as it was still termed) was taken down in order that the names could be printed on the oak board which would then be re-erected in the Newtown area.

By October 1920 the names of the 46 dead had been inscribed in gold letters. After allowing the original subscribers and the families of the dead an opportunity to object to the

proposed new site, the board was installed in St Luke's church. This was considered the most appropriate place as it offered the memorial protection from the elements and the church was dear to most people because it was where the funerals of their loved ones had taken place.

It was stressed that the Board would not be church property but would remain the property of the community of the New Town. The memory of those 46 men is honoured at St Luke's every Remembrance Sunday.

A soldier's life – A hero's death Justin Burgess

Albert William Walker was a Saddler Sergeant in the Royal Army Service Corps. Invalided home from the front, he died (from his wounds) at age 31 in London General Hospital. He was buried with full military honours in St Luke's graveyard on 26th February 1915.

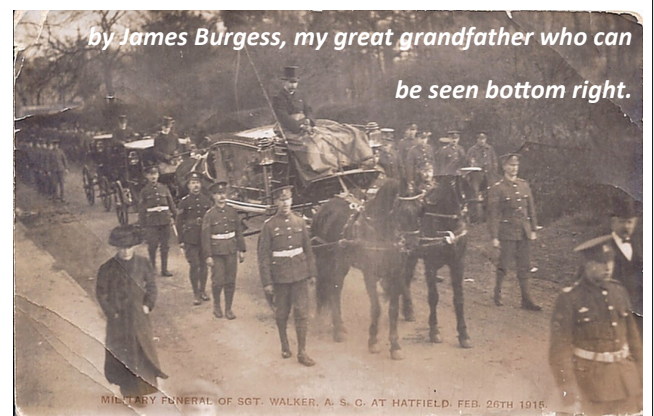
Sgt. Walker joined the Army Corps as a boy of 14 and enlisted in the regular army aged 18. He served in various parts of the Empire before France. He was awarded the 1914 Star, the Victory Medal and the British War Medal; these medals being awarded to the first troops to land in France in 1914 and who were involved in the retreat from Mons. As a Saddler Sergeant, Sgt. Walker's duty would have been in directing the saddlers who kept the horse equipment of the company in good repair.

Born in Southampton, his connection with Hatfield was through his mother who was living at the Bakers Arms, Back Street (now Church Street) Old Hatfield at the time. The Hatfield Roll of Honour reads:

'Sergeant Walker's death under an operation was a cruel blow to his mother, Mrs Halley. Sergeant Walker had been invalided home to his mother from the front, where he had been in action some time. Though not a Hatfield man, he belonged to us through his relations, for whom much sympathy is felt'.

Military funeral of Sergeant Walker in Hatfield

This photograph shows the horse drawn hearse and military procession. We believe this to be on French Horn Lane, travelling to St Luke's Church. It was led



by James Burgess, my great grandfather who can be seen bottom right.

Tail end news from the bell ringers Rob Goss



Alan Regin (a bell ringer at Plaistow) has compiled a list of all the 1400 bell ringers who died during WW1. He was awarded the MBE for this work in the New Year Honours List. As a bell ringer at Hatfield, our own Rupert Gascoyne Cecil is included on Alan's list.

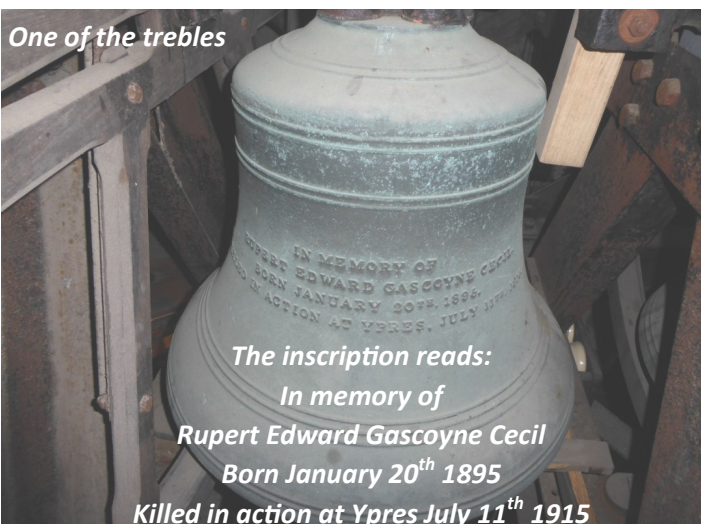
Rupert was in the Bedfordshire Regiment 1st Bn. He was born 20/01/1895 and died 11/07/1915 age 20. He is commemorated at Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Belgium, Grave I. A. 2.

Son of the Rt Rev Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil, Bishop of Exeter, and Lady Florence Mary Cecil (née Bootle-Wilbraham) of Barton Place, Exeter. Rupert was one of seven children, his father was Rector of Hatfield from 1888 until 1916.

Rupert was at university, Christ Church at Oxford, at the time of his enlistment and was killed in action near Ypres during a bombardment following the blowing up of a very large mine between the trenches by the Germans. The family lost a further two sons in WW1 and the three brothers have a memorial stained glass window to their memory in St Eth's.

Two treble bells were cast in 1929 to augment the ring to ten in the Hatfield bell tower. They are a memorial specifically to Rupert and his bell ringing times at Hatfield.

The new bells were dedicated in August 1929 by his father who was by then the Bishop of Exeter.



Canine Corner with Bennie



Hello readers, it must be obvious to all by now that this month's issue of our magazine is a special edition in remembrance of the soldiers who died whilst serving our country in WW1.

However, I picked up recently (on my secret wireless) that as well as our soldiers, many heroic acts were also carried out by our animals and that many of them lost their lives too. I am very grateful to all the soldiers and animals who served and gave their lives for us in WW1. And, although I tremble at the thought—should I ever be required to go to war for Hatfield and country—I live in hope that I might come up to muster too.

There are of course many war memorials for our brave soldiers throughout the country, but did you know that there is also an Animals in War memorial at Hyde Park Corner? The memorial has two separate inscriptions; the first reads:

'THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE ANIMALS THAT SERVED AND DIED ALONGSIDE BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES IN WARS AND CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT TIME'

The second, simply reads:

'THEY HAD NO CHOICE'

Outside of the memorial are written these words:

'MANY AND VARIOUS ANIMALS WERE EMPLOYED TO SUPPORT BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES IN WARS AND CAMPAIGNS OVER THE CENTURIES, AND AS A RESULT MILLIONS DIED. FROM THE PIGEON TO THE ELEPHANT, THEY ALL PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN EVERY REGION OF THE WORLD IN THE CAUSE OF HUMAN FREEDOM. THEIR CONTRIBUTION MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.'



Words and Music for Armistice

Poems, Songs and Readings

St Etheldreda's Church, Fore Street, Old Hatfield

Saturday 10th November 2018 at 5.00 pm

The Armistice of 1918 will be marked at St Etheldreda's Church on Saturday 10th November at 5pm. Performers will present a sequence of readings, with diary entries, poems and prose. There will be two songs from 'A Shropshire Lad', set to music by George Butterworth, who was himself killed in action in 1916. Some morale-boosting songs from the trenches will be provided by Y.E.S., the Young Etheldreda's Singers.

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St Eth's Prize Draw

The big draw on 9th December is starting to feel a bit nearer but there is still plenty of time to sell lots more tickets and plenty of really good opportunities to do so. There are some really great prizes on offer and a hugely important project to work for, but we need some of your time to make it all happen. There is a list of different events at the back of the church and if you could put yourself down for an hour or two that would be a very big help.

Could you help us to sell tickets?

We will be doing this in teams at the Farmers and Antique markets in Stable Yard as well as various concerts in church and at Hatfield House. If you can help us at these events,

Bell ringing on 11th November

The 11th November is going to be unique this year for so many reasons and one of them is the bell-ringing. Please listen out for the bells at the following times:

- **0900-09.30am:** Ring for morning service with the bells 'half-muffled'. This means that the bell sounds normally on one stroke and then a dull 'thud' on the second stroke as the clapper will have a muffle on one side. At about 09.25, we stop ringing the bells one at a time – so that finally just one bell (the heaviest bell – called the tenor) is ringing half muffled alone.
- **11.02am for about 15-20 minutes.** Ring the bells again half- muffled immediately after the two minute silence as the congregation make their way to the north side of Hatfield House.
- **Approx 7.05pm:** Ring the bells 'open' (i.e. no muffles) for about 20 minutes to coincide with the lighting of the beacon in Hatfield House.

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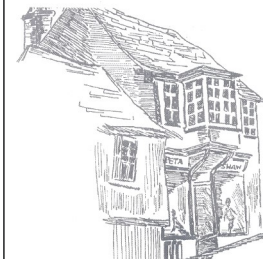
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Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018

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There will be a Sunrise Act of Remembrance at the War Grave Cemetery off the Great North Road commencing at 7am on Sunday 11th November 2018 to which you are invited. Parking is at Hatfield House visitors carpark (George's Gate, AL9 5HX) please follow the poppies to the entrance to the War Graves, we will put up a parking sign to show the way. Alternatively you can park on the Great North Road, cones and staff in Hi-Viz jackets will mark the area, please be aware that cars and lorries drive very fast along this stretch of the Great North Rd.

Also on Sunday 11th November, a Parade will commence from the Red Lion Pub traffic Lights, Great North Rd (AL9 5EU) at 10.45am. Following this the Service of Remembrance will be held in the Memorial Gardens, followed by the laying of wreaths. Please let—carrie.lloyd@hatfield-herts.gov.uk—know if you wish to lay a wreath. Parking is available in the Station car park AL9 5AB.

Guests are then invited to follow the Clergy and parade into the grounds of Hatfield House, along the North Avenue up to the steps of Hatfield House for a short service which is similar to events at the end of World War 1.

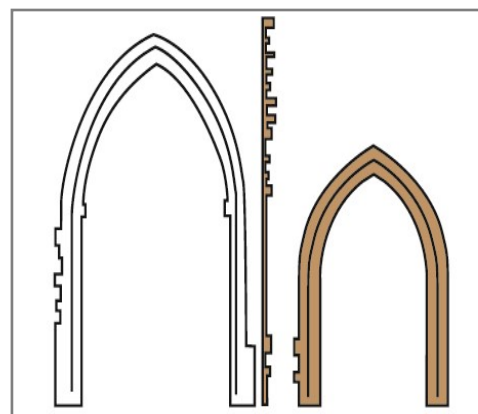
Children will then be asked to lay their poppies, crosses and wreaths in the poppy garden at Hatfield House. Immediately after the Service, Lady Salisbury would be pleased if you could join her for refreshments in the Riding School (located nearby in the Stable Yard).

Finally from 5:30pm – 8pm Hatfield House will host Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute Beacon Lighting ceremony, when beacons will be lit throughout the UK in commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war. The event is free to attend. Entertainment will be in the form of live music from 'The Rockabellas' previously seen at the Battle Proms who will be providing an array of sing along songs from the WW1 period.

The beacon will be lit at 7pm on the Cricket Pitch with hot food and beverages available to purchase. We would like to encourage individuals to purchase a wooden Poppy Cross (£2.50) to plant in the Hatfield House Field of Remembrance. The design of the field itself is a four petal poppy; the outline of each petal is a walkway to enable visitors to go amongst the crosses that are planted. All proceeds from this will be distributed between the Royal Navy, the Army, the RAF Benevolent Funds, and The Royal British Legion.

Poppy Crosses can be collected from the Stable Yard Kiosk on arrival or purchased in advance via www.hatfield-house.co.uk but please ensure you have your email confirmation of this either printed or on display on a smart device. Parking for the evening will be available in the main visitors car park (George's Car Park, AL9 5HX) and pedestrians will enter via Fore Street Gate at the top of Fore Street.

At 7.05pm St Etheldreda's Church bells will be Ringing Out for Peace, organised with the assistance of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the representative body for groups who ring bells in the English tradition with rope and wheel.



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