

## Advent Service

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3 pm

Led by Rev Kevin Hooke

Visitors are always welcome  
We hope you can join us



Dunstone Chapel (near Widecombe-in-the-Moor)

9am - Breakfast Worship time (Sundays)

Charity Soup Lunch and Cream Tea - Usually on the second  
Wednesday from 12 noon – 3pm Come and join us for Soup,  
Bread, Tea, Coffee, Cakes. We raise funds for different charities



**November Reflections** November is the month of Scottish saints – Andrew, the disciple who brought people to Jesus, along with Margaret who taught her children to read and explained God's love to them. Margaret was Queen of Scotland between 1069 and 1093. Born in Hungary as her English father was living in exile, she was shipwrecked off Scotland, married Malcolm III and bore him eight children.

A devout woman she understood the need for literacy. Through her love she influenced her husband to moderate his ways and amongst many good works she eased the path of pilgrims to St Andrew's by providing the ferry at Queensferry.

In this month of remembering let's remember those who have brought us to God – either directly or by easing our path.

An afterthought – Scotland has Andrew and Margaret; Ireland has Patrick and Brigid; Wales has David and Non. Any thoughts for who should join George for England? **DL**

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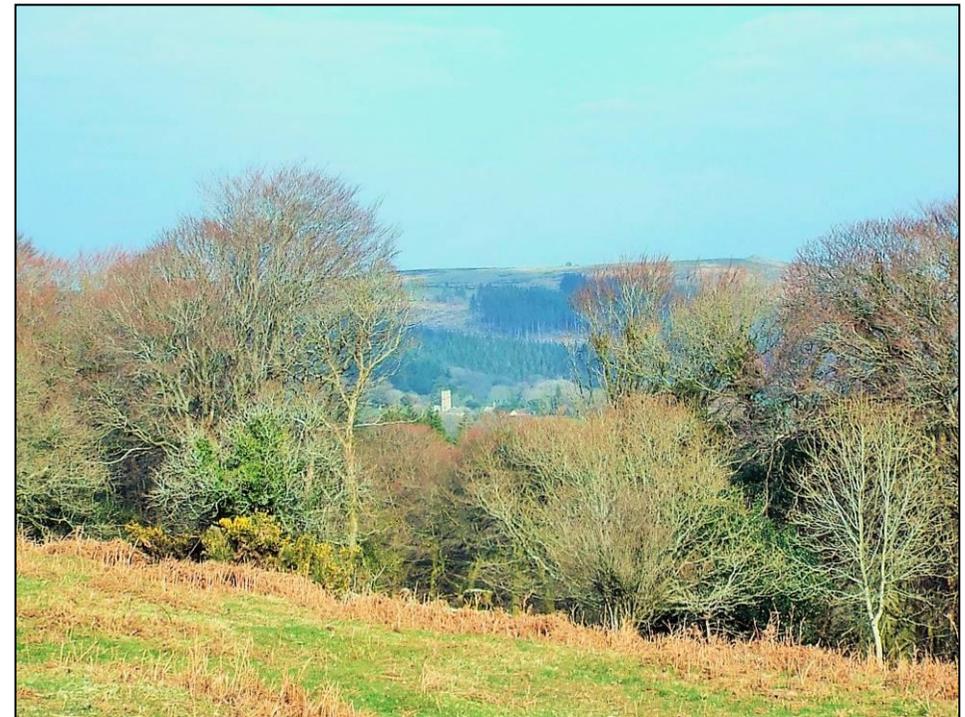
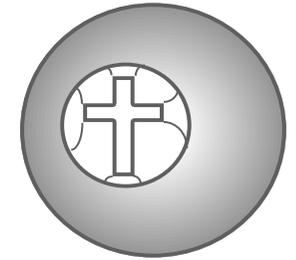
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WJDT Wednesday, 31 October 2018

# Poundsgate Methodist Church

Teignbridge Circuit

Beside the main road from Ashburton to Tavistock about 1/2 mile on the moorland side of Poundsgate village (TQ12 7PD)



Led by Rev Kevin Hooke  
**November 2018**

**All Saints/All Souls  
Service**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm**  
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**Dear Friends**

This month is going to be an important one in our national consciousness, marking as it does the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. At 4.30am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, the last soldiers went 'over the top', the armistice was signed 30 minutes later, and then at 11am the guns fell silent. And, of course, at 11am on Remembrance Sunday ever since, we have all fallen silent to remember and reflect. It is sobering to recall that on that last morning of the conflict alone, there were nearly 11,000 casualties and over 2,700 deaths on the Western front.



Every year, we reflect on the brutality and wastefulness of war, on the consequence of war for the bereaved and injured, on the continuing role of our armed forces and places where now there is conflict, and on the need for peace. This month, all that will be heightened with the anniversary. We will doubtless hear stories of sorrow and loss, but alongside them stories of heroism and bravery, such as that of Captain Noel Chavasse, one of only 3 people to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice. A medical officer, he would go into no man's land at night to help stretch back the injured and dead, despite being injured himself – he was to die of his wounds in 1917.

A hundred years on, and the world seems to be in a mess! In the week that I write these few words, our relationship with the rest of Europe remains uncertain, there have been explosive devices intercepted in America before they reach their intended Democrat targets, and the actions of the Saudis is on our front pages. However, alongside all this in the news are the Invictus Games, now an established event with 18 nations competing, with their stories of hope, courage, renewed life and the overcoming of immense



**Welcome** to everyone joining us  
this afternoon.  
We hope you will come again.

**Please be sure to stay for  
refreshments afterwards**

obstacles. Again, in the midst of loss and uncertainty, the human spirit can triumph.

Just as it is important to remember the past, so it is important to live in the present and to work for the future. As people who remember both the self-giving and resurrection of Christ, we are called, just as Christians in every generation have been, to be people of hope and of life, of encouragement and light, whatever the state of the world around us.

**With best wishes as ever, Kevin**

**Poundsgate Carol Service** is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm when the Chapel is lit by hundreds of tiny lights, kindly arranged by Nigel and Shirley. We look forward to welcoming soloist Nancy Day. **We hope you can come along to this atmospheric service.** Afterwards there is coffee and mince pies. We can't promise but we always hope the sky will be clear so that we can enjoy the stars. **Please book the date** and bring a torch!



For **our November Service**, flowers have been provided by Jeanne and Nigel and Shirley have kindly prepared the Chapel. In December it is the turn of Michael and Miffie to prepare the Chapel for us and flowers are due to be provided by Shirley.

Our friends at **Exminster** invite you to visit the **10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival (EX6 8BT)** which take place from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. The Festival raises funds for children's charities. **Open:** Friday 3 pm till 7 pm, Saturday 10 am till 7 pm (the 'Santa Lady' comes with her many toy Santas from 10-12), Sunday **service amongst the trees** for all ages at 10.30 am, open Sunday 3 pm till 5.30 pm.