Box Methodist Church
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8th November 2026.



For meditation: *God of glory, accept the hearts that lie open before you.*
God of love, receive the prayers of those coming to you in penitence.
God of holiness, pardon the sins of those coming to you seeking your forgiveness.
Prayer of Kenyan Christian (Traditional)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is Remembrance Sunday when many across the nation will stop at War Memorials in towns and villages to remember those who gave their lives to secure our freedom in major wars and other conflicts. The profusion of red poppies a reminder of the number of men and women who have died and been scarred physically and mentally by these events.
November 11th is Armistice Day – when World War I ended on the Western front. In days gone by this was also St Martin's Feast day or Martinmas. St Martin of Tours was a cavalry soldier before he became a monk. As a quarter day it was a time for collecting rents and paying debts as well as being one of the main times for hiring and finding better employment.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Forgive us, Lord, for our complacency: for putting off until tomorrow what needs to be done today; for failing to prepare, relying instead on the generosity of others; for not turning to you, but seeking a quick fix, only to be let down; for neglecting the needs of others or lacking commitment; and for all the times we've let you down. Lord God, forgive us. Help us to live a better life of faith, and to be more disciplined, to discern and respond to opportunities made available to us, to give hope, encouragement and comfort to those in need. May our lives reflect you and bring others to you before time runs out and we miss out on heaven's banquet. Amen.
We are remembering the congregation at Farrington Gurney in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 15th November

Judges 4: 1 -7 Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 -11 Matthew 25: 14 -30

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old – what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deed of the Lord ..
Psalm 78: 1 - 4a

DIARY

Tuesday 10th November
Compass Point 11.00am
led by Rev Andrew

Wednesday 11th November
Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm
After school fun, stories and food –for children with a guardian.

Thursday 12th November
Café 9.30 –12 noon

Sunday 15th November
Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Andrew and including Holy Communion

November wind
leaves the year's end
shredded to rags, pruned branches for bonfires.
Coloured stars
against the night's back-drop
mere illusions of merriment.

The usual mist, a pall to drape the Cenotaph
and a thousand village greens
stained with blood-red poppies.

Those old enough for torn memories
stop the year, stand grey-haired
to the autumn chill;

For those who are too young gratitude hangs
like tattered regimental flags in a cathedral.

Some hearts still ache-
lives pocked with craters
where love might have been –
blitzed promises and unborn hopes.

It is freedom we reap;
the price rocketed.
Concrete and glass have grafted obvious scars,
but somewhere in distant farmlands
ploughed into battlefields
acre upon acre –
the harvest of white crosses.

Cecily Taylor