

We returned to the church to welcome cups of hot coffee and cakes supplied by Angela and Glynis, each cake carefully decorated with an edible red poppy!

I was born after the end of WW2 and have never been directly affected by the hardship of war but we are all constantly aware of strife around the world, the devastation, the consequences as we see the wounded return, often severely traumatised and the suffering experienced by innocent civilians.

The story of war continues and awareness through projects such as the one researched by Glynis reminds us of our common humanity and the sacrifice made by men and women who went to war to fight for a principle. Hopefully the significance of the Remembrance Day Service will continue to register with future generations. It is heartening that many young schoolchildren do understand the significance of the poppy.

My eldest grandson, aged 8 was encouraged to learn "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. He has begun to understand, to be curious and to ask questions. The younger one aged 6 may have absorbed the importance of the service; that particular day he appreciated the shiny medal pinned to his coat jacket, worn on behalf of his great great aunt but perhaps even more so, the pleasure of consuming three of Angela and Glynis' cakes before Sunday lunch; a happy state of mind, very much in the present moment and a moment to savour!

I think also of Richard Young and Ron Bridges, who would have been very proud to have shared in the service with us, but were surely with us in spirit.

Deborah Young.

Willow Wreath Workshop



**Get creative with willow. Friday 30th November
10am to 12.30 pm £18
Light refreshments and all resources provided.
This event is run by the Marlborough Downs Space for Nature partnership
Spaces are limited, booking essential.
Please bring secateurs if you have them.
This workshop is intended for adults
To book, phone 01380 871012 or email mdnep@btinternet.com**