

## WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED

Dec 25th 1917

Christmas at the Front The Times War Correspondent

“It is my impression that there is less of the spirit of Christmas tide in the trenches this year than on the three previous Christmas Days our troops have spent in France. I do not suggest that there is any flagging of cheerfulness. But it seems to me that the men have a consciousness that the present is no fitting time for demonstrative festivity. Not that this has blunted their appetites for the very excellent fare provided for them. The Christmas dinner of the troops this year has been supplemented for the first time, by plum pudding as a regular ration. Heretofore private generosity has made ample provision in this direction. But today plum pudding was a regular issue, and I am assured by those who sampled it that it was excellent”.

January 21st 1918

“Notice received this afternoon from the Secretary of The Education Committee that this school is to close for Thursday and Friday February 1st and 2nd as the services of the Head Teacher and Assistants are required at the Town Hall to prepare Ration Cards for the inhabitants of the town”.

Many schools in towns and cities had this recorded in their log books.



“The poetry is in the pity” Wilfred Owen  
Darrel’s sermon on November 12th reminded us of the pity of sin and waste and suffering in wars over the years . Pomp, circumstance and celebration are not necessarily the only ways to involve in remembrance in which we must reflect upon loss and pain.

This at St. Bertoline’s was a most moving Service of Remembrance, conducted through prayer, music and words of dedication to those whom have fallen and are involved in conflict up to the present day



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## Sponsors Needed

Thank you to all who have made generous donations over the past years to sponsor the PN. I would like to invite those whom have a significant date to celebrate in March, April, May, June, Nov and Dec/Jan 2018 to offer to support further issues.

Costs are £50 for almost 300 magazines to be printed delivered and posted each month. Any contributions towards the costs of postage and stationary would be gratefully received. Ed.

Seasons Greetings and many thanks to all the delivery boys and girls.



## BARTHOMLEY TEA-SET

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 2pm



## EARLY CHRISTIANITY IN CHESHIRE

*Illustrated talk from*  
**GORDON ROXBY**

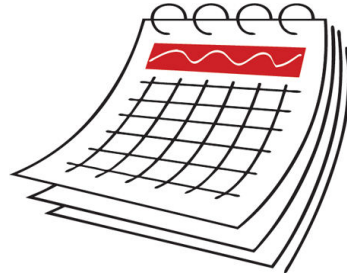
Admission of £2.50 includes afternoon tea



### St Bertoline's 2018 Calendar.

The Church 2018 Calendar is now on sale price £5. This is a wall booklet type A 4 size ( A 3 opened ) with central wire spine and hanging slot. There are 13 sheets printed in full colour on both sides. For each month there are photographs of local church and village scenes plus a front and back cover. Each month has been sponsored by a local business or organisation with their logo and advert at the foot of the page. This is a new venture for the church which we hope will raise some community interest and hopefully some money for the church.

Orders to Len Griffin by e.mail len-griffin910@gmail.com Phone 01270 879771 or in church. Payment by cash, cheque ( St Bertolines PCC ) or bank transfer. St Bertoline's PCC Barthomley. Sort Code 20-24-09. Account number 60352225. Barclays Bank.



### Barthomley Bell Tower

Have you ever wondered how Bellingers learn to ring? Just like driving a car there are many skills to learn before someone can safely handle a bell and go on to understand the clever combinations and rhythms that create the characteristic sound of English church bells, On January 20th Barthomley will host an all day



workshop by the association of Ringing Teachers (ART) to teach experienced ringers how to pass their skills on to the next generation of bell ringers. The course is expected to attract ringers from all over the North West. Combining classroom sessions with practical training in the bell tower, it will equip ringers to teach learners



in the 'Learning the Ropes' scheme which offers five stages of certificates to new ringers as their skills improve.

Tom Nestor of Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers said 'people now want to learn new skills quickly and this course will help meet the challenge of how to train in an intensive way. Barthomley has superb bells and excellent road links. We're looking forward to a great day'. If you want to learn more or would like to try bell ringing for yourself whether you are young or old why not contact Steve Hawthorn, tower captain on 01270877731 or Stephenhawthorn3@gmail.com

### Carol Service at St Bertoline's

On Remembrance Sunday our choir yet again provided us with a special treat. The anthem they sang was the well known "The Lords My Shepherd" but with a new (to me) non traditional arrangement with glorious harmonies. If you too want to hear our splendid choir and wish to experience the real meaning of Christmas with lessons and carols, please feel welcome to join in with them at our Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm. This traditional service takes some of the best known and loved Bible passages and intersperses them with carols which reflect the themes of the readings. Meet with us to partake of mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the service.



### Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism

Our Heritage services (2.30 – 3.30) continue on we have a Carol service on Sunday 10th December with our Director, Jill Barber.

Our very popular Soup and Study sessions take place again for Advent as follows:

Wednesday 6th December Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Mo Trudel

Wednesday 13th December Maria Skobtsova with Michael Parrot

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