

FOR THE FALLEN.

Words which will be spoken at places of Remembrance in the following days as we remember those who gave their lives in the 1st & 2nd World Wars - and subsequent conflicts. On Sunday November 9th, those words will echo out as we stand by St Mary's Church alongside its War Memorial where wreaths of poppies - the universal flower of Remembrance - will be laid.

Another flower, the daffodil, which is associated with Hope, in its bulb form was distributed for All Souls last Sunday to those who wished to plant them in the Church Yard in memory of loved ones, and where in the words of William Wordsworth "they will in the spring bloom, a host of golden Daffodils, giving us a vision of Hope".

Our Churchyard is a place of natural beauty and quiet retreat, a space to reflect and remember on its many memorial seats. Possibly the best for a panoramic view is a bench in the recess of the church's south wall behind a memorial stone to Jean Taylor, author of 15 books on floral artistry. Jean's memorial was placed in the 1980s by the Mary Guild in recognition of her writings and teaching.

As we look out over Jean's memorial, perhaps we could reflect on words from the poem 'Leisure', by W Davies: What is this life if full of care we have no time to stop and stare?

Bowdon Church Yard is the perfect place to stop and stare, reflect and remember. A quiet space open for all and which has no membership card or entry fee! COME AND SEE.

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