

DEAR Friends,

Over the last few weeks, a lot has been happening at my church in Caldicot, starting with a great three-day flower festival which led us into our harvest service. Then, more recently, the 50th anniversary concert by Caldicot Male Voice Choir, almost precisely 50 years to the day of their very first concert at our church, long before they had their very own choir hall built.

The Methodist Church and the choir are proud and we, as a church, feel privileged of our longstanding and solid association, and long may it continue.

So, the Lord really is blessing us with lots of cheer at the moment, at a time when so many parts of the world is steeped in cruelty, strife and uncertainty.

We were reminded that however despondent we may feel at times, and however awful this world can be, there is so much goodness of which we should never lose sight.

When you read this, we are not too far away from Remembrance Sunday which this year is on November 9 and when, again, we shall hold our Sunset Service at 4pm by the cross in our town.

I would like to thank the town council for ensuring this annual event takes place.

I know it brings back many memories of loved ones lost in battle, often difficult memories which time may heal but which always live on in our hearts and minds, reminding us that wars are still ongoing and loss of life still suffered, today as always.

May we never forget, as for many, foremost in our minds are the atrocities taking place in Syria and Iraq and which often make us feel totally helpless and even sometimes at a loss of knowing how, for what, or for whom to pray.

God bless you all as we try to remain steadfast and hopeful and optimistic together in difficult times and trust God to hold us in His hand.

Thought for
the weak



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