



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

**Read:**

Why do we use the poppy as a symbol of remembrance?

During World War One the countryside was blasted, bombed, and fought over repeatedly. Where there had once been fields, flowers, and trees there was now mud, bleak and barren scenes where nothing would be able to grow. But something incredible happened – bright red Flanders poppies flourished in the middle of the chaos and destruction. They grew in their thousands. Lit. Col John McCrea was so moved by the sight of the poppies he wrote the poem In Flanders Field. This poem inspired lots of people to adopt the symbol of the poppy starting in 1921. We still use this symbol today.

**Watch:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies> (CBeebies)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8JvOT9eFUY> (poppyscotland)

Why do we wear poppies? Have you seen any unusual poppies? What does the money from selling poppies go towards? Is it a good idea to mark Remembrance Sunday?

**Do:** Colouring Page: <https://www.free-for-kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Remembrance-Day-Colouring-Page-Poppies-in-Flanders-Fields.pdf>

Make a Poppy Wreath: <https://www.bakerross.co.uk/craft-ideas/kids/handprint-poppy-wreath/>

Wordsearch: [https://sermons4kids.com/veterans\\_remembrance\\_wordsearch.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/veterans_remembrance_wordsearch.htm)

**Pray:**

Dear God, it is important for us to remember the sacrifice others made so that we could live the lives we have today. Be with all those who mourn and help us to learn from our history. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,  
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

**Share:**

Was anyone in your family involved in either WW1 or WW2? Ask some relatives if they can give you some information about family members who lived during this time.