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Dear Friends

This month, it seems, is a time of recollecting in various different ways – did you ever learn the nursery rhyme about Guy Fawkes? The only line I can remember is the opening one: “*Remember remember the fifth of November*”. Towards the end of the month we have our ‘Time to Remember’ service at Holy Trinity, where we remember loved ones who have died. Then there is Armistice Day on the 11th and Remembrance Sunday on the 13th. Remembering is important because it helps us to avoid the mistakes of the past and to work for a better future.

Sadly it is all too easy to listen to the names on the War Memorial being read out and say “*We will Remember them*”, but not actually know anything about them other than their name – it is why the *Rudgwick Remembers* exhibition in the Church is so important (do come and visit – you can find details elsewhere in the magazine) and why, on Remembrance Sunday, I always try and tell the story of someone who gave their life in the war.

One of the sayings of Jesus people remember are his words to his disciples the night before his death: “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*” However, many people do not remember what else he said that night – that Jesus defines his friends as those who love Him and follow his commands. I hope you will join us this Remembrance Sunday, but even more importantly, I hope you will ‘remember’ to love and follow Jesus.

Every blessing

Martin King