# Notices

## Coffee morning

**Saturday 14 November · 10 am**
Hessay Methodist Chapel

Come along for coffee and a chat. All welcome!

## Next Sunday’s service

**Sunday 15 November · 10 am**
St John’s, Hessay

Everyone is welcome.

## A prayer request

Please keep Rev Linda in your prayers as she takes leave for her operation and recovery. Thank you for your kindness and support.

## Supporting our church

Thank you for any gift you are able to give to support the life and work of our church. You can donate using the QR code below.

Our preferred way to give is through the **Parish Giving Scheme**, where you can make a single donation or set up regular giving.

Regular gifts help us to budget and plan, sustaining our worship, care and service in the community.

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Sunday 8 November 2026 · Remembrance Sunday

# Remembering and Making Peace

The United Parish of Rural Ainsty

## Matthew 5:1–12 · NIV

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# Micah 4:1–5 · NIV

### The Mountain of the Lord

1 In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be
established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted
above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

2 Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will
teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will
go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for
strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into
plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not
take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

4 Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig
tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has
spoken.

5 All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will
walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

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# A reflection

Behind every name on a war memorial is a person. Someone who was loved, who had hopes for the future, and whose life mattered.

My grandad was about sixteen when he signed up during the First World War, giving a false date of birth because he felt so strongly about defending our freedoms.

He was one of the lucky ones: he came home, and later helped defend this country at home during the Second World War. So many others never returned.

We remember with gratitude, but also with sorrow. Jesus makes room for both.

### A hope to carry with us

### “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Grief matters to God. We can bring our sadness, our questions and our silence into his presence.

Micah pictures weapons turned into tools for growing food, and people living without fear: families safe at home, children able to sleep, young people able to imagine a future.

### “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

We each have a part to play: listening before judging, challenging hatred, caring for those who struggle, and protecting others’ dignity.

*How can I help someone live with a little less fear and a little more hope this week?*

God of peace, comfort those who mourn and all who bear the wounds of war. Protect those living in fear. Give us compassion and courage. Make us peacemakers where we are. Amen.