

# Remembrance Weekend at St Peters Church



The Centenary of the end of World War I was commemorated at St Peters Church Claypole on behalf of the five churches in our benefice. On Saturday 216 people came to view the displays in the church and attend a service with the school choir. On Sunday the church was full for the Remembrance Service. Many people stayed after the service for refreshments and to look at the displays.

Gillian Padley came up with the idea of this weekend and was the driving force behind many aspects of the result.



The displays included part of a Zeppelin, embroidered postcards, floral displays, information boards, notices on the path showing deaths in all conflicts, "gone but not forgotten" perspex soldiers in the pews and primarily over 1000 knitted poppies beautifully arranged around the altar, nave columns, at the end of each pew and scattered throughout the church. Rev Sonia had arranged for the loan and display of the very special Windrush Cope, which she was able to wear at the Sunday Service.



A huge thank you to everyone who knitted the poppies, Gillian Padley and Libby Mason for organising over 40 people to knit them and for assembling and arranging them in the church. Thanks go to Graham Briggs for making the porch soldiers, Colin Richardson for making the path signs, Anne Severn for the amazing flower displays, Tony Tucker for printing the commemorative booklets and orders of Service, Michelle and Graham Noon with Susan Scrimshaw for the refreshments on both days and Alex Manurka who made large wooden poppy signs for each church in the benefice. Mick Laffey for the soil. Bell ringing on Sunday afternoon was organised by Sue Frayn. John Padley and Karen Prabucki of course helped in a myriad of ways. Rev Sonia



Barron conducted an amazing service on Saturday with the school choir and the Remembrance Service on Sunday. Tom Barron played the piano and organ at both services. As names of WWI dead were read out, the ceramic poppies loaned by local villagers were placed on the mound of earth in the Chancel by Guides and Brownies. In spite of having an accident on Friday resulting in a leg in splint, Laurie Rozier played a very moving



Last Post and Reveille. This was Laurie's first public performance and a key element in the service.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the church on this very special weekend.

Robert Prabucki