

Resources for Remembrance and Peace 2020

At 11 o'clock, on the 11th day, of the 11th month it is customary for people to remember those who have been affected by conflict, to remember those who have lost their lives in war and to reflect upon the arduous, but essential task of creating a lasting peace. Armistice Day has its roots in World War I and the desire to remember the service men and women who died in the 'War to end all wars'. We now reflect upon and remember all service men and women and the victims of all conflict, as sadly the end of World War I, did not signal an end to all war.

This year Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday (the Sunday closest to Armistice Day) are likely to be a little different. Here at the Cathedral in the lead up to these important commemorations, we usually welcome lots of children, who visit us to take part in workshops on Remembrance and Peace. This year we have produced some on-line resources for schools (and other groups), based on the Bradford World War I story and the memorials and symbols of hope that are to be found in the Cathedral. They encourage an exploration of experiences of Bradfordians, before during and after *World War I*, using the stories of real people; they ask children to think about how the conflict impinged on the lives of people around the world, across the then British Empire and also considers the voices of those who spoke out for peace.