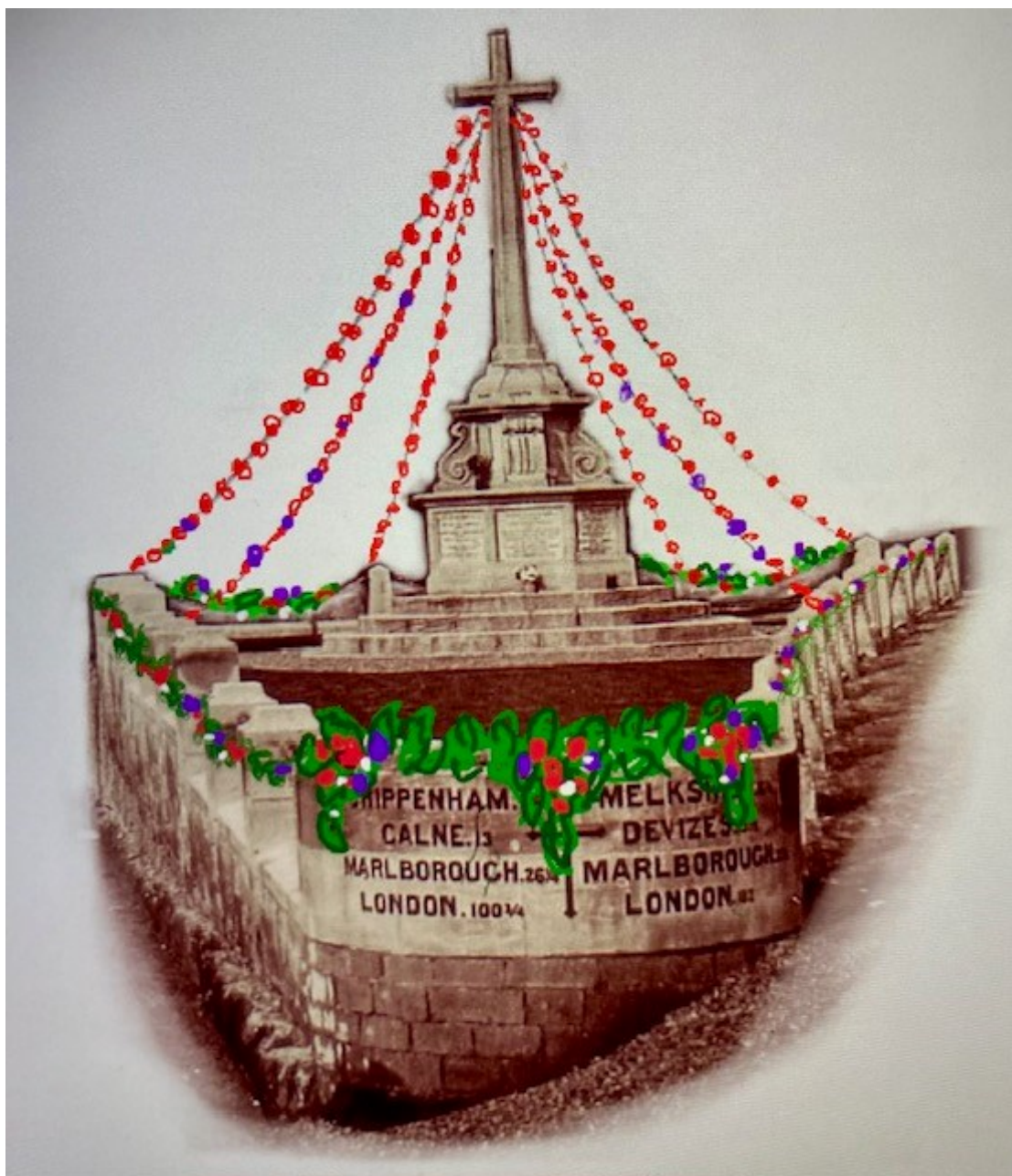# Box War memorial

Poppy plan for November 2025

I would like to ask parishioners to knit, crochet or sew red, white and purple poppies to make a display on the War memorial for armistice day.

Red poppies are a symbol of remembrance and hope which commemorates those who fought in the British Armed Forces.

White poppies represent remembrance for all victims of war, a commitment to peace and a challenge to attempts to glamorise or celebrate war.

Purple poppies honour animals who were victims of war. Many war horses, dogs and pigeons were killed during service in WW1.

The poppies could be garlanded from the war memorial and added to swags of foliage attached to the chains

Poppy knitting patterns

Patterns kindly provided by the Arnold & District Branch

Knitting pattern 1

Easy garter / knit stitch pattern

Colour A - Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies)
Colour B - Black - (either scrap of wool or black button)

Step 1: Body of poppy

- Using colour A cast on 120 stiches
- Rows 1-4 knit
- Row 5 knit 3 stiches together across the row (40 stiches)
- Rows 6-9 knit
- Row 10 knit 2 stiches together across the row (20 stiches)
- Rows 11-14 knit
- Row 15 knit 2 stiches together across the row (10 stiches)
- Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm
- Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stiches onto the yarn tail and pull tight
- Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Step 2: Centre of poppy

- Using colour B cast on 16 stiches. Cast off.
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use black button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy
- Add pin to rear of poppy

Tips

- For the best yarn finish, knit with a Cotton Double Knit (DK yarn) as shown in the pictures.
- The size of needle you use will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn available just use that and the appropriate needle size.
- If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on YouTube.

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Knitting pattern 2

Easy ribbed poppy pattern

Colour A - Red
Colour B - Black

Step 1: Body of poppy

- Using colour A cast on 60 stitches
- Rows 1-10 K2, P2 across whole row (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).
- Row 11 knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).
- Row 12 slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over...repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).
- Break off yarn with a long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch.

Step 2: Centre of poppy

- Using colour B cast on 16 stitches. Cast off.
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre Or use black button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.
- Add pin to rear of poppy.

Crochet Poppy Pattern (no sew)
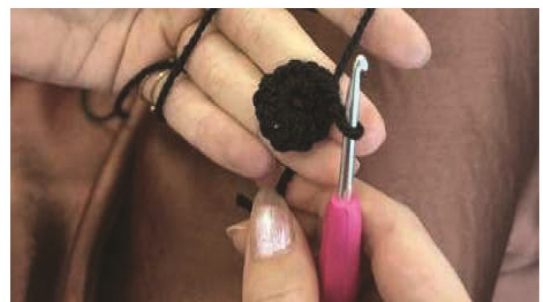

Black centre of poppy

1. Magic circle with 13 single crochet
2. Close with slip stitch
3. Change yarn to red

Red petal one

1. Chain 3
2. Insert into 2nd chain from hook and pull through and repeat for 3rd chain, (you should have 3 stitches on your hook)
3. Insert into base stitch and pull through (you should now have 4 stitches on your hook)
4. Yarn over and pull through 2 loops, repeat until you have 1 stitch on the hook and chain 1
5. Insert hook into loop on the front and pull yarn through, and repeat on the second (you should have 3 stitches on your hook)
6. Insert hook into next chain in magic circle and pull yarn through (you should have 4 stitches on your hook)
7. Yarn over and pull through 2, repeat until you have 1 stitch on your hook, and chain 1
8. Repeat steps 5-7, 5 times
9. Slip stitch into 1st and 2nd loop, and into base stitch in the magic circle

Guidance

- Use a 3.0/3.5 mm hook
- Tunisian-style crochet

Refer to step 5 of instructions

Red petal two

1. Chain 3
2. Insert hook into 2nd chain and pull through, repeat for 3rd and into base stitch (you should have 4 stitches on the hook)
3. Yarn over and pull through 2 loops, repeat until there is one left on your hook, and chain 1
4. Pull yarn through 1st and 2nd loop on the front (you should have 3 stitches on the hook), pull through on loop at base stitch (you should have 4 stitches on the hook) and the again into the next chain in magic circle (5 stitches on hook)
5. Yarn over and pull through 2, repeat until you have 1 stitch left on your hook, and chain 1
6. Pull yarn through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd loop on the front (you should have 4 stitches on the hook), pull through in the next chain on magic circle (you should have 5 stitches on hook)
7. Yarn over and pull through 2, repeat until have 1 stitch left on your hook, and chain 1
8. Repeat steps 6-7, 5 times
9. Slip stitch the 1st loop on the front, then slip the stitch the 2nd and 3rd, loop together
10. Slip stitch into your 1st stitch of the magic circle and finish off