

Remembering



I thank God every time I
remember you
(Philippians 1:3)



Thinking it through

One of the most poignant World War epitaphs is

“WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY,
FOR YOUR TOMORROW WE GAVE OUR TODAY.”

For our present generations, we ought to look back with gratitude to those who gave so much that we might enjoy the world we live in. But we must also look forward, for in our day we are fighting a different kind of war which requires alternative ways to bring victory. We are defending our world, God’s creation, against human destructive practices. We find ourselves looking for ever new offensive strategies against the armies of pollutants and those who violate and desecrate the earth. So in the present, what would we be willing to give of ourselves so that future generations look back and can say that we gave our today for their tomorrow?

Read and reflect on what is said about creation in Romans 8:18-30



Let us pray:

Remember and give thanks for those who have given of themselves to create a better world for us to live in.

Remember and give thanks for all whose lives have been selflessly dedicated to caring for God’s creation.

Remember that you too are called to care, to give, to serve, that others may have a world which they look at and give thanks for your part in being a good steward and passing it on to future generations as a place that reflects the glory of God.



Get Active:

- ✿ Remember to act:
- ✿ Nov 6 is the United Nations’ International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. Discover more at www.un.org/en/observances/environment-in-war-protection-day
- ✿ Plant a tree in Remembrance of someone who is special to you.
- ✿ COP 27 is taking place in Egypt during November. Bring it to the attention of your MP, remind them of the promises from COP26.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!





REMEMBRANCE TREE

What you do: Use the wooden leaf in your pack or collect fallen leaves, (these will need to be pressed and moisturised to maintain their flexibility).

Thread the leaves and carefully write on them the names of people or situations you wish to remember.

Dear Tomorrow (<https://www.deartomorrow.org/>)

DearTomorrow is a climate storytelling project where people write messages to loved ones living in the future. These messages describe how they feel about climate change, why it's important and what actions they will take to help ensure a safe and secure future.

DearTomorrow is a good way of opening up conversations across generations and making the climate crisis more personally relevant.



Create a story scrap book of stories about why you care about climate change. These stories can be written or drawn, or in spoken word if you want to create a sound scrapbook.

Combine all of the stories together for your church to share with others. Your stories could form a powerful display, or you could share DearTomorrow action pledges on social media. Take a look at the website for lots of ideas.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH



UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE SUMMIT
COP 27 IN EGYPT

7TH - 18TH NOVEMBER



Following the UN climate summit in Glasgow in 2021, A Rocha UK CEO Andy Atkins wrote:

“The success or failure of COP 26 will ultimately depend on what happens next ... What the public, including Christians and Churches, do in the next twelve months could be decisive ... Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke some strong words about climate change - but will the UK government follow through?”

The single biggest thing you can do to tackle climate change is to engage with your MP. You can work with them to support the government's legislation on reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

**HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE**

Hope for the Future offers faith groups tailored research, training and ongoing support to build a working relationship with their MP. For help in preparing for an in-person meeting with your MP, contact

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