

Remembrance Update – 28 09 2020

George Richards and I met on Saturday morning, had a very fruitful discussion and came up with what I think is a very workable and acceptable solution. The areas where wreaths could be laid were identified as:

1. The War Graves Commission graves.
2. The Silent Soldier placed on the grass near the Brierly Gates.
3. The Side Chapel.
4. The WW1 commemorative memorial.

It was decided that the WW1 Memorial was the most suitable solution, keeping all of the service within the Church, those present at the service being able to see all without leaving their pew. George and Father Lameck will work together to time the service in advance in order that the two minutes silence starts at 11 am. I hope to have the speaker system that has kindly been loaned by the Tattenhall WI to play a recording of the Last Post followed by 2 minutes silence and Reveille which I have used in the past.

The wreath layers will take up seats at the rear of the church during the service. After the playing of Reveille, they will walk down the central aisle towards the altar steps, then follow Father Lameck, turning left and then left again to make their way towards the WW1 memorial tablet (a wooden “cupboard” memorial fixed on the wall just before the doors leading into the Vault) where they will lay their wreath on the Bier in front of the , which will be covered with one of the Poppy cascades, at all times observing social distancing and decorum when laying their wreath.

Following the service, I will take the wreaths and arrange them on the War Memorial.

I believe that it is of paramount importance that we identify who will attend the service well in advance, to avoid disappointment and having to turn anyone away on the day. I understand that there are between 25 & 35 regular churchgoers who will be asked if they intend being present and 8 choristers which together with the wreath layers leave very few spare places.

Kind Regards
David Bish