Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year has a special significance, marking as it does the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

On Saturday 10th November at 12.30pm there will be a simple Service of Remembrance and prayers for peace in the Old Christian Cemetery in Manama, where a memorial is sited for those who gave their lives for their country in the two World Wars. All who wish are invited to attend.

On Sunday 11th November at 3.30pm, in the St Christopher’s Cathedral compound, there will be Bells for Peace at which leaders and representatives from different faith groups will ring the ship’s bell, which was presented to the Cathedral by Captain Charles Kendall in 1956, one hundred times. It is an event to which people of all faiths are invited and will need to gather at 3pm. All are asked to bring a bell or other instrument to play at the conclusion of the one hundred rings. It is a celebration of peace and it is timed to begin at 3.30pm to coincide with the ringing out of bells from Westminster Abbey and churches throughout the UK as well as on Royal Navy ships in port in Bahrain at this time.

On Sunday 11th November at 6.15pm at St Christopher’s Cathedral Cathedral, there is a Service of Remembrance attended by Ambassadors and Embassy representatives, the visiting Chelsea Pensioners, Scouts and Sea Scouts and the wider community. Wreaths are laid, a two minute silence is kept, the last Post and Reveille played and the preacher is the Reverend Mark Mander, Royal Navy Chaplain. Taking part too is Lt Christina Mauntel, US Navy Chaplain, as well as the Cathedral staff. It is a service to which all are invited.