**In 1977 a Bible was discovered which had belonged to Private George Ford. He was killed in 1918, at the age of 20. British soldiers on active service were given “The Daily Portion Testament” with an inscription inside from Lord Roberts, “I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you and strengthen you. You will find in this little book guidance when you are in health, comfort when you are in sickness and strength when you are in adversity.” In the trenches many men found strength in the words of David in Psalm 23. As a young man David learned to trust God in times of danger and wrote, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”**

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**Micah 4:v33**

**He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.**

On this week of Remembrance, this week where we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, we think of and give thanks for the sacrifice of so many brothers and sisters who gave their lives for freedom. We think of and give thanks for all who have died serving their country in battles and wars too numerous to mention. We think of and give thanks for the bravery and courage of the men and women who served and continue to serve in the armed services. We remember them.

And we think and give thanks for our God in whom we find Hope. Hope for a world where all people and all nations can live alongside each other in harmony and peace

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**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth.**

It Is one of those scenes in a film which is often quoted. Tom Cruise facing Jack Nicholson in a military courtroom in ‘A Few Good Men.’ Cruise challenges Nicholson once too often as he tries to get the response out of Nicholson’s character he wants. Nicholson loses his temper and shouts and sneers ‘Truth. You can’t handle the truth’ Good film,

Great quote.

Can we handle the truth?

In today’s Trump led fake news, which is a combination of the childish ‘if I close my eyes it won’t be true’ and the downright scary ‘if the President says it often enough it must be true,’ truth is almost impossible to tie down. What is true? Is it what he said or she said? What they reported or what they reported?

Thank God we have God. Whose Word is true. Who we can trust in. Whose teaching to love one another and ourselves and Him are the ultimate truths.  God gave His Son for us – an act of ultimate love. He wants us to follow Him. Can you, can we handle that truth?

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