

A Letter from Rev Rona

Re-Membering

As the year turns towards November, I've been thinking about what it means to be a *member* of something. We all have groups, teams, and communities we belong to — family, friends, clubs, or causes that give us a sense of connection and purpose. Membership matters. It reminds us that life is not meant to be lived alone.



November is a month for *Re-membering* — not only recalling with gratitude those who fought bravely for our peace and freedom but also remembering those we have loved and see no longer. Yet “re-membering” can mean more than looking back. It can also mean becoming part of something again — re-joining, re-connecting, re-discovering the communities that hold us and make us whole.

Many years ago, Milborne Port Church stood at the centre of just such a community. Farmers, growers, and makers would gather here when they came to sell their wares. The church was large because it needed to hold everyone — a place to pause, to remind themselves who they were and where they belonged. The Church used a mission statement years ago which speaks into this, “*Belong, and then believe.*”

That feels as true today as ever. You might think you don't belong in the Church because you are unsure of what you believe — this is absolutely not the case, this IS a church where you belong.

This November, come and *re-member* that sense of belonging — join with others who live and work here, who care for one another, who ring the bells, share tasks and friendship, and offer kindness when life is hard.

And if, in the midst of all that, you happen to *catch* something of God's love — wonderful. But even if not, you will have found yourself once again among friends, part of a community that makes Milborne Port such a special place to be.

With love from, Rev Rona