



I'm Sorry, But...

This has been a week of distractions.

Firstly, my reading glasses broke - and although I promptly ordered a new pair from the manufacturers, both delays by the company and Australia Post mean that the new pair have yet to be delivered. Secondly, my home PC decided to implode - for reasons at yet unknown, as it has yet to return from the repair shop. Thirdly, I have had to deal with some significant personal family issues relating to the ongoing care of my elderly parents.

So, for all these reasons above, I have not been able to prepare a reflection this week. However, I was pondering the fact that this week (today) marks Remembrance Day, and its complex meaning to different people. This is especially poignant given the amount of conflict within the world at present, and how helpless it sometimes feels to be a spectator watching terrible events unfold without any power to stop them.

That's why I thought I'd share this article I came across in the ABC Religion and Ethics website. It speaks of the author's recent trip to his homeland of Sri Lanka, and the discoveries he made concerning Christians' witness to peace and speaking truth to power during that nation's devastating civil war. It reminds us that we may not often be able to prevent conflict from occurring - but we can act as peacemakers and spokespeople for the powerless and the voiceless when it does occur. It's a powerful reminder of what being Christian in troubled times involves.

To read the article [click here.](#)

Remember For Your Diary

The next combined service with our neighbours at Ringwood Uniting Church will occur on **Sunday 26th November at 10am**, On this occasion, HUC will be hosting the service.

Halleluiah Chorus Concert

On **Wednesday 13th December at 7:30pm**, Ringwood Uniting Church will host a rendition of George Fredrich Handel's famous Halleluiah Chorus. But it won't be just any old concert - attendees will also have the opportunity to join in the singing of this Christmas favourite.

Blessings,

Brendan



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