

HOPE GREATER LOVE CAMPAIGN AND SGM LIFEWORDS WW1 ANNIVERSARY GOSPEL

ENDORSEMENTS

“The centenary commemorations of the start of the First World War are a significant moment for us all to pause and remember the appalling sacrifices made by so many men, women, families and whole communities. Indeed, one of my own great uncles was killed in the Battle of Loos in 1915. I am delighted, therefore, that HOPE has brought together the churches, Christian ministries, and the military chaplaincies of all denominations to produce resources under the banner of ‘Greater Love’. This is clearly a significant moment for the United Kingdom and, indeed, the Commonwealth and so I can only wish this initiative every possible success in its most laudable aims.”

HRH Prince Charles

“May God use the Church to serve communities as we pause to reflect on the human cost of war borne by a generation 100 years ago. May the Church be prepared to point beyond that pain to the greater healing and love that Jesus has for humanity and, in the two minutes of silence at the many remembrance events, may God speak loudly to hearts who long to know his peace and reconciling love.”

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

“We all want to move beyond war and conflict to build communities of reconciliation and peace. We have much to learn as we reflect on the sacrifices made by so many, from so many different communities around the Commonwealth. The ‘Greater Love’ resources from HOPE will help us all: individuals, schools, churches and communities – as together we engage with the commemorations in a meaningful way. I commend ‘Greater Love’ to you.”

Archbishop of York John Sentamu

“SGM Lifewords’ tradition of offering gospels without any social agenda attached, to anyone who wants or needs one, allowed them to mass produce words of comfort and encouragement without partiality, during a war where words had already been slain by mass-produced propaganda. A staggering 43 million items of scripture were made, a testament to the demand. Some were accepted gladly, others with derision, and some with derision that became devotion. The trenches were a place where some lost faith and others found it. The story of the Active Service Gospel is a little-known history, and *Henningham Family Press* is delighted to help in remembering it.”

David Henningham, Henningham Family Press

“During a national crisis ... when people’s foundations have been shaken, the spiritual dimension to life is sought after. People look for solace and perspective from the Church. I believe that these commemorative events – and especially the 4th August commemoration – will see an openness to the Church as it is recognised for the vital role it played both at home and on those foreign, blood-stained fields. Doors to the hearts and minds of people will be open – it’s like being in ‘Christmas mode’ throughout the year! Let’s grab hold of this opportunity to be at the heart of our communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, spreading hope and light as we commemorate the period when ‘the lights went out all over Europe.’”

Clive Adams, Commander Salvation Army United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland

“Let’s bring the Church to the heart of these remembrance moments. We have a significant part to play. This great contribution from **SGM Lifewords** provides a resource for us all to bring the Bible to the heart of the community.”

Roy Crowne, Executive Director, HOPE

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