

## How MHA Marked the Centenary of the Armistice

Across MHA chaplains led memorial services and other events to mark one hundred years since the guns fell silent in 1918. As many of our residents would have known relatives who participated in the war it was a personal, poignant and moving moment for all of the MHA family. Fittingly, poppies played a central role in many of the services.



*Engelberg WWI noticeboard display*



*Fairthorn Dore*

At Fairthorn Dore a picture of a poppy formed the focus for a card on which residents could write the names of people they wanted to remember.

Elsewhere candles, ration books and medals, all played their part in supporting the memories and significance of an important anniversary in our national life. Chaplain Jane Jordinson led the service at Fairthorne and wrote:

“I felt both humbled and privileged to be able to take the centenary remembrance service. We had a wonderful turnout from the residents, some who would not usually attend our services, which again highlighted the importance of the occasion. We were also thrilled to have some

visitors amongst us. At the end of our service our residents, staff and visitors wrote the names of all those they wished to remember on a lovely painting of poppies that had been given to us for this occasion. There was a great sense of unity as we all did this. We then displayed this through the following week. After the service all the residents stayed on and reminisced over tea and cake.”



*Chaplain Eric Thorne leading a service at Riverview Lodge on Sunday 11 November*

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*Brooklands House*



*Jane Jordinson with an attendee at the service*



*Poppy and memorial displays at Rushden Park, Weston and Queensway House, and the Beechville Poppy Project.*