**A message for ANZAC DAY from Reverend Roger Hilton**

On ANZAC Day we remember the wars in the past, & express our gratitude

& thanks for all those who have died or fought for our freedom.

Wars are a part of this world, they always have been, & it seems always will be.

We  at times have to struggle in this world against the powers of darkness,

death, and destruction. But we are not alone, we are all brother & sister human beings.

Each individual struggling for their wellbeing, & for that of their loved ones, & those closest to them. Compared with overseas our nation is relatively peaceful, but we do have troubles & conflicts in. But many in our world die because of war or conflict, plus murders, accidents, diseases, & hunger.

Now we humans are made in the image of God, who is Love, & so we mourn

those who die in the struggles of this world through wars, murders, accidents, disease & hunger.

But God gives us hope – He is Lord of all creation, & in the end we all come to Him.

He is our salvation, & he has come into this world in Jesus Christ to show us this.

Jesus has shown us God, his love & care for us, & he is our sure way to God.

When we come to our end, to our eternal destiny with God in heaven, we will

once again be united with our loved ones who have gone before us.

Blessings from God,               Roger.