

# *Crowland Abbey*

## FROM THE RECTOR



Hello Everyone.

November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear." – **Sir Walter Scott**

It is that beautiful time of year, the leaves are falling and as the days shorten it is still a treat to close the curtains and snuggle into the cosiness of our evenings, although the novelty may soon wear thin.

We are blessed to have safe and cosy places to call home and as we enter the time of remembering it is sobering that as we draw closer to the Remembrance services that the war to end all wars didn't.....

This year 97 countries deteriorated in peacefulness, more than any year since the inception of the Global Peace Index (GPI) in 2008. Ninety-two countries are currently involved in conflicts beyond their borders, more than at any time since the inception of the GPI.

So many people around the world cannot close curtains and settle down for the evening. As we look past Remembrance towards Advent and Christmas it is heart-breaking to see what is happening in the Holy Land.

Someone asked me why God allows these situations to happen when Jesus could heal the blind and the lame. The answer I gave was that those people asked for healing. So many of us sit back and ask why God lets these things happen, when what we should be doing is turning to God and saying, 'please help'.

As the year draws to a close, think about how you may respond to this season. As we remember the past and look forward to the time of 'peace and good will to all humankind', perhaps we can all pray.

God bless  
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