

Melksham Peace Cairn, St. Michael's and All Angels



The building of a cairn is an ancient tradition that has a number of roots as they can be way markers, memorials for the dead or have a religious significance.

At the vigil for peace and reconciliation held in St Michael's on 4th August 2014 we started to build a Peace Cairn as part of our commemoration of the commencement of World War One. Each stone is a prayer for peace as well as a reminder that Jesus is our rock, our foundation during times of turmoil.

At the moment the Peace Cairn is only small but it is growing and will continue to grow until 11th November 2018 when we commemorate the Armistice that brought peace at the end of World War One. The stones will then be used as the foundation of a Path for Peace in the churchyard. Each person who walks that path will be walking a prayer for peace.

The stones in the Peace Cairn come from people's gardens, favourite spots and holiday locations. They are of different sizes and shapes and some have been decorated or written on. Like our prayers, it does not matter what the stone looks like, or how big it is, or where it has come from, each is a prayer for peace and reconciliation.

Whatever your faith, or even if you have no faith, whether you are coming to a service, passing the church or visiting Melksham as a tourist. I would encourage you to come and add your stone to the Peace Cairn and mark your desire for peace.

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