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If you visit St James the Less church during November, you will see a beautiful display of handcrafted poppies cascading from the font near the church entrance. This is the St James the Less congregational tribute to service personnel from all conflicts, but particularly to those who fell in the First World War, in this its centenary year.



Angela Sibley brought the idea back from a Diocesan Day at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh in May this year. She approached me in my role as flower organizer for St James the Less Church, to discuss the practicalities of creating a tribute. Deciding that we would go ahead with the project, we sought volunteers to knit or crochet as many red poppies as possible. We then asked Jill Drought (one of St James the Less artists) to come on board to plan a display using the font as a base. Jill devised and put together a structure which would show the poppies to best effect. War poems written during the period of the First World War were selected and typed out by Georgina Philips, and are pinned in between the poppy cascades.

In this centenary year, it was decided that the display would remain in place for the whole of November, not just on Remembrance Sunday.

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