## Art Installation in Cotterstock Church, PE8 5HD on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025





You might remember these works created by London based artist Angela Wright in Cotterstock Church in 2017 and 2019?

Angela returns to Cotterstock in November with another meticulously constructed, thought-provoking art installation inspired by John McCrae's poignant poem "Flanders Fields". Angela's creation, entitled "Broken Lives", will be in the chancel of the church and reflects on the aftermath of war, the loss of life, the destruction and shattered dreams. It will take Angela four days to construct and some poppies knitted by villagers will be included in the work. It will be on view, free of charge on the  $7^{th}$ ,  $8^{th}$  and  $9^{th}$  November from 11.00-4.00 p.m.

Angela attended the London College of Fashion and ran her own business designing and making dresses for Liberty's of London. She graduated from Camberwell College of Art and has a BA in Fine Art and Ceramics. She has exhibited her work in many galleries and prestigious buildings in London, most recently the Copeland Gallery and Southwark Cathedral in 2024, so we feel honoured to welcome her back to Cotterstock.

Alongside Angela's installation there will a display of memorabilia from WW1 and WW2 with many items loaned by villagers and people from the surrounding area and never displayed before. Items include a compass with a bullet in it that saved a life, a tiny bible given to a fellow captive in a Japanese POW camp, sketches made of German POW's, gas masks, an air raid warden's helmet, various items of military uniforms, a tin given out to soldiers on Christmas 1914; each piece treasured over the decades and with a story to tell. A video remembering the Great War Years will be available to watch too. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 a.m. visitors will be able to see and hear the benefice bell ringers; the bells of St Andrew's are a designated war memorial.

Whilst admission is free, donations for the upkeep of the church are always appreciated (cash only please). Please note, there are steps in church and a toilet will be on site.