

Remembrance Sunday 2024



ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to our service of Remembrance.

*Please join in with the words in **bold** type. If it is uncomfortable or difficult for you to stand to sing hymns, please feel free to remain seated.*

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith, for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terrorism.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN 31 **And did those feet in ancient time**

COLLECT – the prayer for the day

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

VERSES FROM PSALM 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty, shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'

All: Keep me as the apple of your eye, O Lord.

He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

All: Keep me as the apple of your eye, O Lord.

Because they have set their love upon me, says the Lord, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.

All: Keep me as the apple of your eye, O Lord.

They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

All: Keep me as the apple of your eye, O Lord.

With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

**All: Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
and, as you have bound us to yourself in love,
leave us not who call upon your name,
but grant us your peace
made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

READING *Jonah 3.1-5,10*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

At the end of the reading:

Hear the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

READING Mark 1.14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

At the end of the reading:
Hear the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON



CHOIR : Amazing Grace

ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

After a short silence, all say

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN 328 Make me a channel of your peace

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Seal Scouts and Beavers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

During the prayers the response is:

Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The prayers end with:

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled
us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.



The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.

HYMN 106 Dear Lord and Father

*The uniformed organisations collect their flags.
Cash donated in the plate at the back of church
today will be given to the Royal British Legion.
You can also donate to them online at
www.britishlegion.org.uk*

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible
living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All: We will
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All: We will
Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All: We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that
have not yet been cast out by love.
May we accept the hope you have placed in the
hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage
and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen
Redeemer. **Amen**

NATIONAL ANTHEM *(flags are dipped)*

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our cause
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the king.

Not on this land alone,
But be God's mercies known
On every shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That all humanity
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

WE PROCESS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

***Please follow the choir. If you are unable to
come out into the churchyard, please remain
in church***

*If bad weather makes it necessary to conduct the Act
of Remembrance in church it will precede the
National Anthem and final hymn, which will be
followed by the blessing.*

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to his keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memories we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

LAST POST (*flags dipped*)

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE (*flags raised*)

KOHIMA EPITAPH

“When you go home tell them of us and say,
“for their tomorrow we gave our today.”

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and to all humanity, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us
and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Please join us for refreshments in church after the service.

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17th November 3-4.30pm Messy Church Church Hall

All ages welcome!



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Sunday Dec 8th 10 am.

Join us for this service in aid of the Children's Society.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Church Hall - 2 sessions on Friday
December 6th

**£30 to include all materials needed,
wine and mince pie.**

**Contact Chris on 01732 763585 to book.
Places get snapped up quickly, so don't delay!**

Includes everything you need to make wreath/table decoration, and mince pie and glass of wine. Please bring secateurs.



TALKING VILLAGE



Join us at our regular "Talking Village" sessions. A chance to chat with those who live around you.

First Saturday of the month 10.15-11.15am

Talking Village in the library (free refreshments provided) This is held regularly on the first Saturday of every month. With Jenni and Babs.

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