

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



# SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

10.55am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

*We are very grateful that the service  
leaflets today have been sponsored.*

"In memoriam"

### ***The Rector introduces the service:***

Dear friends we have gathered around this memorial today to remember before God all those from this community who were caught up in the tragic events of the two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

We remember those who were killed in action or by disease, the bereaved, the lost, the families that were shattered, the wounded, maimed and injured, those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare. As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home in this community, let us pray that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace and bring us his healing. At this time we also remember before God those across the world who this day suffer because of war and conflict.

So let us commend to his safe keeping,  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those who we know about, and whose memory we honour;  
and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of  
the world.

*The Act of Remembrance continues with **the Parade Commander** saying:*

‘They shall grow not old, as we who 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.**

### **The Last Post**

### **THE TWO MINUTES’ SILENCE**

### **Reveille**

***The Rector continues:***

Ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storms 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**

**In Flanders Fields by John McCrae**

*Read by Bren Marks*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

**THE LAYING OF WREATHS**

The Royal British Legion  
Pulborough Parish Council  
St. Mary's Church  
St. Mary's School  
The Sea Scouts  
Cubs  
Beavers  
Brownies

*After all the wreaths have been laid **the Parade Commander** says:*

“When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today” (Kohima Epitaph)

**All: We will not break faith with you.**

***All say together:***

**Lord God, Father of all, we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and this neighbourhood,  
to bring relief to all who are in need,  
and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed;  
keep us every mindful of the struggles  
and achievements of former generations  
of this place where we make our home,  
now and in the days to come. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please now make your way into the church where the service  
continues.*

*Gathering organ music: – “Sussex by the Sea”  
trad.*

**The Opening Hymn: NEH 353  
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)**

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.**
  
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.**
  
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!**
  
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.**
  
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!**

## Words of Welcome

### The 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 of what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

*After a short silence, all say*

**Most merciful God, 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;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, have mercy on 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.**

### The Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please sit*

## **Hear these words from the New Testament**

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*John 14.27*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

*1 John 1.5*

## **John 15 12-17**

*Read by Ed Feldmanis*

Jesus said:

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*Please stand*

- 1     **And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic mills?**
- 2     **Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.**

*Please sit*

**THE ADDRESS: The Reverend Canon Paul Seaman**



*Please stand*



Hymn: NEH 417  
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*During which a collection will be taken for Royal British Legion  
'Poppy Appeal'*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;
  
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
  
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
  
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
  
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
  
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

*Please sit or kneel*

## **The Prayers**

*Led by Toni Hayes*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God will give us peace;

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

O God give peace.

**God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

O God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

O God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind, in penitence, the anger and hatreds of humanity;

O God give peace.

**God give peace**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

O God give peace.

**God give peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious;

asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search of reconciliation and peace.

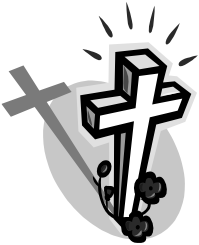
O God give peace.

**God give peace**

*Fr Paul concludes 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,  
we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please remain kneeling or seated*



*Choir will sing: "For the Fallen"  
Douglas Guest.*

*The standards are now collected*

*Please stand*

**Hymn: O&N 437  
Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)**

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt true faith in you.**
  
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

- 3 Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**
- 4 Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all men that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

### **Act of Commitment**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all mankind,  
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom;  
give us courage; give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen**

## The National Anthem

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 laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.

## The Blessing

God, grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and all whom you love, living and departed, this day and always.  
**Amen**

*Final organ music: – “Spitfire Prelude”  
William Walton.*



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LEAVE THE BUILDING BY THE NEAREST AVAILABLE EXIT**

## **SUPPORTING FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) THIS DECEMBER**



### **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Please remember FSW when you go shopping during the next few weeks. Any of the following will be very gratefully received and can be left in the Church hamper or brought to the **Pulborough Village Market on Saturday 9th December between 9am and 12noon**

#### **Food bank shopping list:**

Christmas tins of chocolates, Christmas tins of biscuits  
Gravy granules, Cranberry sauce/mint sauce, Stuffing  
Christmas Puddings/mince pies  
Tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, peas, carrots)  
Tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding  
Tinned meat (ham/corned beef)  
Crackers/savoury snacks, squash/cordials

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December – ADVENT SUNDAY 8am and 10.30am Toys for Family Support Work**

Traditionally on Advent Sunday and near the Feast of St. Nicholas we collect toys for FSW which will be delivered to families in need in time for Christmas. This year the charity especially needs toys for the over 5's including things like games, jigsaws, colouring books and pens, **all unwrapped**. For teenagers gift vouchers are good.

At 4pm there will be **Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society** and at 5pm we will have the switching on of the Pulborough Star on the Church tower. One person from the service will be the lucky one to turn the star on. Do join us for this popular community event.

**Please contact Alyson Heath on 01798 873795 or [alyson.heath55@gmail.co](mailto:alyson.heath55@gmail.co) for any further details of Family Support Work.**



Lest We Forget