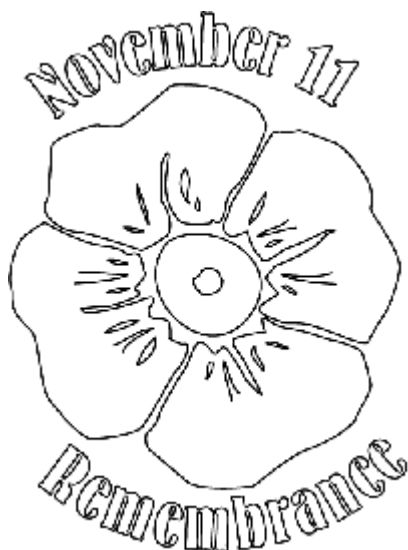


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

10. 55 Sunday 11th November, 2018

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

'Lest we forget'

The Introduction

We have gathered around this memorial today to remember all those from this community who were caught up in the courageous but 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.

*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

Fr. Paul prays:

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**

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

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
and of this place where we make our home,
now and in the days to come. 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.

**The Opening Hymn: O&N 314
Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)**

(during which the standards will be presented)

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty; victorious, thy great name we praise.**

- 2 **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.**
- 4 **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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 your 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

The Reading: John 15.9-17
Read by Captain Eddie Upham

Jesus said: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Hymn: O&N 246 (Red Book)
Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)**

- 1 I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands
the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

- 2 And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them
that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining
bounds increase, and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.**

THE ADDRESS: The Reverend Canon Paul Seaman

Hymn: O&N 494
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

During which a collection will be taken for the Earl Haig Fund.

- 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!**

The Prayers
Tony Holloway - Reader

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

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.**

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**

**Hymn: O&N 144
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)**

(During which the standards are collected)

**1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper rev'ence, praise.
In deeper rev'ence, 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.
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!
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.
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!
O still small voice of calm!**

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 Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**

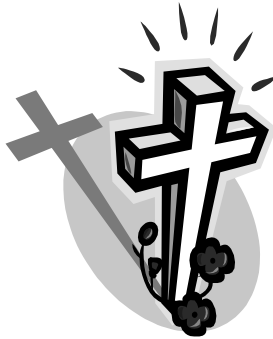
The Blessing

**God, grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church,
the Queen, 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**

***Do please join us at the end of the service for a glass of wine
or soft drinks and some light refreshment.***

A Prayer of Remembrance

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



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service here today**

**IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OR EMERGENCY IN THE CHURCH,
LEAVE THE BUILDING BY THE NEAREST AVAILABLE EXIT**