

## The Parish Church of All Saints, Peterborough



### ***Remembrance Sunday***

'God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble'.

*(Psalm 46.1)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

We gather to worship Almighty God whose purposes are good and whose power sustains the world he has made. We remember all those who have served their country and created the peace which we enjoy today. We remember those who died and those who returned injured. We remember their families and all whose lives were changed for ever.

As we gather to remember the horror and evil of war, 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.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Father Forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, **Father Forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, **Father Forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father Forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, **Father Forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, **Father Forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Father Forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

*The president says a prayer of absolution,*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strength you in all good ness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

In a moment of silence let us bring to God our hopes and prayers for...

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**

**Readings:**

*Micah 4:1-5*

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid for the LORD Almighty has spoken. All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

*2 Thessalonians 2:13-16*

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news,<sup>l</sup>so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters,<sup>l</sup> stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Hymn**

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

Under 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.

Here the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

**Gospel** *John 15: 9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his mas-ter's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

**Sermon**

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember before God the women and men of all nations who have died as a result of war - those who we have known and whose memory we treasure : those we never knew, and those who died unknown. ***Pause***

We will remember those who have willingly given their lives so that others may live. ***Pause***

We will remember all who have lived in hope , and who died for no obvious reason - the tortured, the innocent, the starving and the exiled, the imprisoned, the oppressed, the disappeared, and the abused.

### ***Pause***

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.**

## **An 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 humankind, 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.**

## **Prayers**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that we may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

1. Ask God, who do you want me to connect with today?

2. Giving by text.....

Text ALLSAINTS to 70470 to donate £5

ALLSAINTS10 to 70470 to donate £10

ALLSAINTS20 to 70470 to donate £20

3. Going forwards....church open until 12 noon, again 4.30 to 5.30 pm , a rota....

4. Tuesday 11 am Eucharist on Zoom, Thursday 7 pm prayer Group on Zoom, Saturday 11 am Pop-in, cuppa and Company on Zoom

Sundays 10.30 am and 5.30 pm services on Facebook

5. Safeguarding C1 C0 thank you

6. Christmas magic December 12<sup>th</sup> Tickets at [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk)

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and watch over you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look kindly on you and give you his peace. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

### **At the Calvary:**

"Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father, the Shepherd of Souls, the Giver of Life Everlasting, those who have died in the service of our country and its cause."

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.**

### **Silence**

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

(wreaths are laid)

"Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers, Men and Women of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice. In that place of light, whence sorrow and mourning are far vanished, give them rest, O Lord, the Lover of Men. Grant this for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

Lord God, hear our prayers for those who strive for peace, and all who yearn for justice. Help us, as we remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow. Help us to serve you and all mankind for the relief of want and suffering. Guide us, give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always, Amen

God grant to the living, grace, to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, Peace and concord; And to us and all his servants, life everlasting, And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon us and remain with us always. Amen.