

LUTTERWORTH TOWN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 11th November 2018 at 10.45am

Welcome to our service of remembrance: to those inside the parish church and to those outside in the remembrance garden where we will join together as a community for our public act of remembrance.

Please stand as the clergy and choir enter.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Minister We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations; that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of armed conflict around the globe. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts, past and present, have been given and taken away.

HYMN

The Standards are received.

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Widely as His mercy flows. Angels, help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him;

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Please sit.

POEM: THE SOLDIER

By Rupert Brooke, 1914 Read by Evie Hanwell of B Squadron Army Cadets

REMEMBERING



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

The list of those to be commemorated is read, as the children place poppies to help us remember.

MARKING THE CENTENARY

100 flags decorated by children of our local primary schools surround the congregation to mark the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day 1918.

Please stand when the music ends.

ACT OF HOMAGE

Derek Cross

President of the Lutterworth and District Royal British Legion

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

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

Minister 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 nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please sit.

POEM: STRANGE MEETING

By Wilfred Owen, 1918 Read by Lord Willy Bach

Please stand.

HYMN

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame, Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved, Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Bravely you gathered, rank on rank to war, With comrades true to fight on fields afar, All you had hoped for, all you had you gave To guard the free, yourselves you scorned to save.

Lord, as we honour those who were so brave, As we thank you for lives they selfless gave, Help us remember too your timeless death; 'Father forgive them' on your dying breath.

Please sit.

BIBLE READING: MICAH 4:1-5

Read by Verity Hancock, member of St Mary's Church

ADDRESS

Revd Charlie AM Styles Rector of St Mary's Church, Lutterworth

ANTHEM

The Choir sings 'Thou Knowest Lord' by Purcell

Please stand.

HYMN

During this hymn, a collection will be taken for the British Legion

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.

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.

Please sit.

PRAYERS

Led by a member of the Prayer Team of St Mary's Church, Lutterworth

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

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.

Forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen

Music plays as the Standards are taken up

Please stand when the music ends.

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

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour
Long may she reign
May she defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Minister Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our world

All 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 BLESSING

HYMN

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you, Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us - Self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne, Past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

We proceed to the Lutterworth Town Garden of Remembrance.

OPENING PRAYER

Rector

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us during times of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

May grace enable us this day to dedicate the laying of these wreaths to the cause of justice, freedom and peace. Give us wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name through Jesus, Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Wreaths

Wreaths are laid by people from near and far, including many local groups and organisations, beginning with the Deputy Lieutenant on behalf of Her Majesty, the Queen.

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Dick Stilgoe

Chairman of the Lutterworth and District Royal British Legion

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MINISTER'S PRAYER

Rector

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.



Marking 100

A bell, half-muffled, tolls one hundred times to mark the centenary of Armistice Day.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

The Lutterworth and District Branch of the Royal British Legion Ibstock Brass Band St John's Ambulance Lutterworth Town Council The Churchwardens, Welcome Team and all at St Mary's Church.



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