Christ Church Worthing A Service of Remembrance



10.30am Sunday 12th November 2023

A Service of Remembrance – Morning Prayer

led by Derek Hansen



Morning Prayer

Preparation Please stand

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you



All and also with you.

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands. For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy. Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All Great is your name. Great is your love.

Hymn [427]

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.



Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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Preparation

This is the day that the Lord has made *All:* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All: and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Sentences Please remain seated

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

Psalm 46.1

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Prayers 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.

Confession

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. *All* Amen.

I lift up my eyes to the hillsfrom where will my help come?

All My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.'

Psalm 121:1-2

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 17: 14 – 20 - (John B)

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,' be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, 'You are not to go back that way again.' He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

At the end of which the reader may say

Here ends the First Lesson *All* Thanks be to God.

Hymn [322]

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be, O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign, in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

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New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7 – (Val G)

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

At the end of which the reader may say
Here ends the second lesson

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn Please stand [sung to the tune for 112 – My song is love unknown]

During this hymn, Derek will process to the back of the church and the poppy wreath will be taken from the table to lay it at the War Memorial.

Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair this broken earth again?
For this we pray: in every place
a spark of grace to light the way.

Wisdom for all who bear the future in their hand, entrusted with the care of this and every land. When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray, inspire the way we spend our power.



Honour for all who've paid war's painful, bitter price, when duty called they made the greatest sacrifice. Their memory will never cease to cry for peace and harmony.

Ease for the troubled mind in endless conflict caught, each soul that cannot find the peace beyond all thought.

May they be blessed with healing balm for inner calm and perfect rest.

Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow love's precious seed
in word and deed, that peace may grow.

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Introduction to an Act of Remembrance

Let us remember, in silence, before God, and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

Particularly all those from our parish listed here

Holy Trinity Roll of Honour

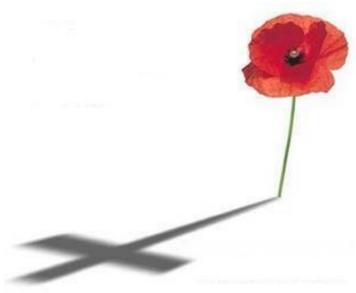
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Christ Church Roll of Honour

"Lest we forget"

George Ansell

Alfred Bennett

Frederick Bennett

Edward Bennett

Charles Bashford

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William Blann

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Leonard Blunden

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Frank Bridger

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Arthur Churcher

Frederick Churcher

William Clark

William Collier

Ernest George Collins

Allen Crouch

Norman Culverdale

Walter Dale

George William Davey

Alfred Duke

Edwin Gilmore

Harold B Godwin

John Gorman

Archibald [James William] Groves

Percy Harrison

Alfred Hayler

Arthur Hearsey

Thomas [Tom] Eliott Hewett

Christopher Hosier

Ernest Hosier

Thomas Johnston

Frank Lawson

William Loveland

Charles Madqwick

Harry [Henry] Bainbridge Marner

Ernest Marshall

Richard Paine

Alfred Patching

Bert [Albert Victor] Peckham

Ernest Pelling

Herbert Portlock

Percival Portlock MM

Arthur Riddles

George Scutt

Henry Searle

Alfred [George] Smith

Arthur Smith

Reuben Stanford

Cecil Stubbs

Arthur Swain

Alfred [George] Tee

Frederick [George] Tee

George Tee

Sidney Charles Tee

Charles Tuck

Herbert Tuck

Harry Ward

Charles West

Edward West

Charles Winter

Stanley Young

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.

And so we pray together

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness light; where there is sadness joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Words of Remembrance - Derek Hansen

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.

The Last Post

Silence follows

Reveille

All: We will remember them.

A further period of silence will be observed

Hymn [537] during which we will sing as Derek processes back to the chancel

O 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.

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.

Psalm 90 Isaac Watts - Public Domain

Please sit

Sermon from Derek Hansen
After which, we sit in silence for a short reflection

Affirmation of Faith Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Collect

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:

Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Spirit of the living God, Come afresh on your holy land.

Help your people to restore broken relationships.

Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear. Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be established on earth. For Jesus' sake. *All* Amen

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please sit

The Lord's Prayer

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.
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.

Offertory Hymn [355]

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.

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Responding in Hope and Commitment

The Kohima Epitaph is said - Derek Hansen

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

An Act of Dedication

Let us dedicate 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.

All: Amen.

The National Anthem [354] PLEASE STAND

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.

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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, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All:* **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining with us in this service of remembrance

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The Organ Voluntary following our service today will be: Segundo Tento do 3ro Tom (Flores de Musica, 1620) by Manuel Rodrigues Coelho ca. 1555-1635, Lisbon

The treaty of Windsor, 1386, the diplomatic alliance signed between Portugal and England on 9 May 1386 at Windsor is the longest unbroken treaty of friendship between England and any other country.

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26th November at 10.30am Holy Communion A Celebration of Life with The Revd Yvonne Murphy

This is a very special service to remember all those dear to us, whom we have lost.

November

19th Holy Communion 10.30am

19th Evensong 6pm

23rd Thursday BCP Holy Communion 10.30am

26th Morning Prayer 'Celebration of Life' 10.30am

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2023/4

- Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 12.30pm Christ Church Christmas Mini Market Sunday 17th December at 4pm. - Carol Service
- 6th to the 31st December Christmas Tree Festival
- <u>Tuesday 12th March 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm Yoko Ono and Clelia Iruzun on one piano!
 - Tuesday 9th April 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm Southdowns Folk Singers
- <u>Tuesday 14th May 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm <u>Richard Bowen</u> - guitarist
- <u>Tuesday 11th June 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm Brighton Guitar Quartet
- <u>Tuesday 9th July 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm **Zhanna** (pianist) and Evelyn (clarinet or alto saxophone)
- Saturday 7th September 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm Christ Church Autumn Fair
- <u>Tuesday 10th September 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm Paul Gregory – Guitarist
- <u>Tuesday 24th September 2024</u> from 12.30pm to 1.30pm <u>John Collins</u> - Organist
- October 2024, Rob Campkin (Violin) & James Buckham (Piano), date to be confirmed
 - Tuesday 19th November 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm The Inspired Instrumentalists