



**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE  
St. James' Church West End  
10.55am 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*Welcome from Revd Vicky Maunder*

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

*Psalm 46.1*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,

that all people may, together,

live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

**REMEMBERING**

**THE EXHORTATION** *read by Averil MacDonald*

“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** *is played*

**TWO MINUTES SILENCE** *is kept*

**REVEILLE** *is played*

**READING OF NAMES from the First and Second World War**

*read by the Cllr Rick MacDonald, Chair of West End Parish Council*

### **KOHIMA EPITAPH**

When you go home  
Tell them and say,  
For your tomorrow,  
We gave our today

**THE LAYING OF THE WREATH at the War Memorial on behalf of the community.** *During which O God our help is ages past is sung by St James Choir.*

### **THE LAYING OF A WREATH in Church.**

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.'

*John 15:12-13*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may 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;

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

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

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;

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and 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, may 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**

**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**

### **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living in 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.

**Amen**

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** *sung by St James Church Choir*

## 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,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*After the service:*

*Read by members of the local community and St James Church.*

Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,  
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.  
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,  
That all are human and all pay the price.  
All life is dear and should be treated so;  
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.  
Protect, dear Lord, all who, on our behalf,  
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.  
May they find courage for each task they face  
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.  
Then, duty done and missions at an end,  
Return them safe to family and friends.  
Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;  
Who died protecting us and this their land.  
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,  
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.

With those who mourn support and comfort share.  
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.  
And some there be who no memorial have;  
Who perished are as though they'd never been.  
For our tomorrows their today they gave,  
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.  
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,  
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

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*Charles Henrywood, 2009*  
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