

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# Remembrance Sunday

with the laying of wreaths



**10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**10.30am**

*Greater love has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.*  
**John 15: 13**

We come together today to remember those who have lost their lives during times of conflict and in acts of terror, to pray for peace and to dedicate ourselves to the creation of a more humane and just society.

The 4th of August 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the day Britain entered one of the costliest conflicts in history – the First World War – with fighting continuing until the 11th of November 1918, Armistice Day.

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the two Minute Silence is observed on Armistice Day. Today, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who died fighting for freedom during two world wars, as well as those who have died in subsequent conflicts and those who are on the battlefield today. We also remember civilians who suffer the consequences of war and terror.

We come here to honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, but not to glorify their loss. We come also to reflect on the true horror of war, so that we might not forget. We come in the name of God, who might seem absent during times of despair, but who is always there in the midst of the carnage and chaos. In the words of Wilfred Owen- First world war Soldier and Poet -"Christ is literally in no-man's-land, there men often hear his voice..."



## **WELCOME**

### **Hymn - O God, our help**

**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.**

**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.**

## **OPENING REFLECTION**

Remember Ypres, Gallipoli, the Somme, Mons and Verdun.  
Remember the Western Desert, El Alamein, the Normandy beaches.  
Remember Coventry, Dresden, Hiroshima and the Burma Road.  
Remember Korea, the Falkland Islands, Northern Ireland, the Balkans,  
East Timor, Afghanistan and the Gulf.

Remember the courage, the comradeship,  
the ingenuity, the spirit of working together for a common cause,  
the planning together for a better world that would come with peace.  
Remember the call to arms, the patriotic songs, the partings which were  
such sweet sorrow. The sound of the drum, the skirl of the pipe, the  
prayer that God would be on our side.

Remember the carnage; the colossal horror of war.  
Remember the widows of sixty years and more,  
the old men and women who never knew their fathers.  
Remember the love that was lost, the wisdom wasted,  
the minds that are still pained by memories.  
Remember the families bereft by recent wars and conflict.

Remember this day the children who will die while nation fights nation.  
Remember the One who asked us to remember them.  
Father, remember us; and forgive us our sins against you and our  
fellow man.

## **AN 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 in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God seeks for his children.

For the times we have hurt others with our words or deeds,  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we have been disrespectful of others,  
Christ have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the times when we have not shown friendship, tolerance  
and understanding

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sin  
and confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Hymn - God is our strength and refuge**

God is our strength and refuge,  
Our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,  
Within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her -  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence -

God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!  
Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of His deeds all powerful;  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations -  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

## **Reading - James 3: 13-18**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn - Make me a channel of your peace**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

## **Reading - Matthew 5: 3-10**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **ADDRESS**

### **Hymn - Lord for the years**

**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 of 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; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
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.**



## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

*All stand*

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 humanity.

**We also remember those who died  
in battle at Kohima in the Burma Campaign  
and all who have died during times of conflict and acts of terror.**

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.

**We will remember them.**

## **THE LAST POST**

## **TWO MINUTES SILENCE**

## **REVEILLE**

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

## **THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS**

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.**

**Anthem – Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep - P. Ledger**

### **Hymn - For the healing of the nations**

**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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

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

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God.

God in your mercy

**Grant us peace**

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

God in your mercy

**Grant us 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;

God in your mercy

**Grant us peace**

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,

God in your mercy

**Grant us peace**

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

God in your mercy

**Grant us peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership:  
political, military and religious; grant them wisdom  
as they work for reconciliation and peace

God in your mercy

**Grant us peace**

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**

**As Jesus taught us, so we pray:**

**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 – Thine be the glory**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:*

## **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will**

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*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.*

## **CLOSING PRAYERS**

From the rising of the sun until its setting

**God of peace**

**God of justice**

**God of infinite mercy**

**Remember your people**

From the bleakness of war to the lavish warmth of peace

**God of peace**

**God of justice**

**God of infinite mercy**

**Remember your people**

We turn to you God,  
asking that you enfold our planet,  
in your justice, peace and truth.  
Enlighten the minds of those making decisions -  
melt the hearts of those inflicting  
cruelty upon your children  
and strengthen the resolve of all  
who pray for peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve God and each other.

**Amen**



## **Church Services**

Monday & Wednesday - Midday Prayer at 12 noon

Friday - Holy Communion Service at 12 noon.

Sunday Eucharist at 10am & Evening Service at 6pm

(There is no Evening Service on the first or fifth Sunday of the month)

The church is also open every Friday:

12.30pm – 2.30pm (end October – end March)

12.30pm – 4pm (April – October)

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