



# **A Service of Remembrance**

**at**

**St John the Evangelist Church**

**Burgess Hill**

**Fr David Charles, Vicar**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**with**

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION,  
BURGESS HILL BRANCH**

**BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL**

**Mid Sussex Brass Band**

*Please take your places quietly to prepare for worship and stand when the first hymn is played. During this hymn the Standards and the Book of Remembrance are presented followed by preparation of the drumhead altar.*

## **HYMN**

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty the King of creation.  
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near.  
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew, what the almighty can do.  
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen, sound from his people again.  
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

## **BIDDING AND PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

**Priest:** 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; and first we ask forgiveness for our many failings in Christian discipleship that we, and all God's people, may be renewed in service and watchfulness for the coming of the Kingdom of righteousness and peace.

**All:** **Most merciful God, 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,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Priest:** Almighty God, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal.

**All:** **Amen.**

## HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

## THE READINGS

*Please sit*

## **First Reading** Micah 4: 1-4

*Read by a student from Burgess Hill Girls*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

**And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen!  
And did the Countenance Divine,  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?  
Bring me my bow of burning gold;  
Bring me my arrows of desire:  
Bring me my spear: O clouds, unfold:  
Bring me my chariot of fire.  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand:  
Till we have built Jerusalem,  
In England's green & pleasant Land**

*Please sit*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 1 – 1

*Read by a student from Burgess Hill Academy*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE INTERCESSIONS**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Priest:** In the power of the Spirit and in the faith of Jesus Christ  
let us pray to God our Heavenly Father.

*Read by the Mayor of Burgess Hill*

Lord God, on this day of remembering,  
we pray for the peace of your world.  
We remember all people who are suffering today  
because their countries are at war  
or because of the threat of terrorism,  
that they may find peace and security.

We pray for those who commit these acts of violence  
that your light may shine into their darkness  
and lead them away from violence to live in peace.

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Read by a member of the Royal British Legion*

Lord God, on this day of remembering,  
we pray for political leaders.

Give them wisdom and courage.

Guide them so that they may find ways to settle differences  
by negotiation and diplomacy rather than by threats  
and the violence of war.

Help people of differing religious and political beliefs  
of different races and cultures, to see the good in one  
another and to be more tolerant.

Help us to be peacemakers, that we may be called your  
sons and daughters.

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Read by a member of the Armed Services*

Lord God, on this day of remembering  
we pray for those who work in places  
where there is war and violence;  
for soldiers who must act as peace keepers;  
for aid workers and agencies providing food and shelter;  
for doctors, nurses and paramedics who care for the sick,  
the wounded and the dying.

Guard and defend them and keep them in safety.

Bless their work in bringing relief, healing,  
reconciliation, and peace.

We pray for the Royal British Legion.

Bless its work of help and support

And for those who have served their country so well.

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Read by a member of the Cadet Corps*

Lord God, on this day of remembering we thank you for all the brave men and women who gave their lives that we might live in freedom and safety today.

Help us to honour them by committing ourselves to preserve the peace and freedom which they won at such great cost. As we recall their sacrifice, we pray that you will hold them in your love and give them a share in the eternal peace of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** Let us gather up our prayers as we pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave 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.**

*As we conclude our prayers the piper will play the lament in honour of all those who have lost their lives in conflict and war.*

## **HYMN**

*Please stand. During this hymn, a collection will be taken. The proceeds are to be divided between St John's Parish Church and the Poppy Appeal.*

**Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The One eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen**

*Please sit*

## **THE ADDRESS**

**Fr David Charles**

## **HYMN**

*Please stand. During this hymn, the drumhead altar will be dismantled and the Standards returned to their bearers.*

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change, he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n-ly friend,  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey  
His voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the veil of tears,  
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

## **THE ACT OF COMMITMENT**

**Priest:** 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.

**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.**

## 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.

Nor on this land alone,  
But be God's mercies known  
From shore to shore:  
Lord, make the nations see  
That men should brothers be,  
And form one family  
The wide world o'er.

## THE BLESSING

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

**Priest:** The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and may almighty God bless you:  
✠ the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

*The Standards will depart as the band plays a slow march, followed by the Servers, Choir, Ministers and the Union Flag. Please allow the Standards and Dignitaries to leave the Church first.*

*After the service, all are warmly welcome to join the Royal British Legion for refreshments at the Burgess Hill Constitutional Club in Cyprus Road.*

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