

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green



All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Sunday 14th November 2021

*Proclaiming Jesus,
Changing lives,
Serving our community*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday 2021, a year in which we have commemorated the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, fought over the very place we live today. We pay tribute to those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

During the service we will lay wreaths at the Altar, and later we will place these wreaths at the War Memorial in the Churchyard where we will also place poppy crosses in the ground, and we will have opportunity to pay our respects to all who have fallen in battle.

The War Memorial bears the names of some of those who died fighting for their country, and declares: "All ye who pass by, remember with gratitude the men of this place who went forth for God and Country. The names of those who returned not again are hereon described. RIP"

As we wait for the service to begin we will assemble quietly in the church. Around you, a number of model figures representing people who fought in wars have already taken their seats. They are "here...but not here". Please pay them respect - they gave everything they had for our freedom.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm7CZvvsC64>



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!

William E Hickson, 1803-70

INTRODUCTION

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning. (Lamentations 3: 21-23)

We meet in the presence of God on this Remembrance Sunday.

God has called us to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him and to proclaim Him.

We come together today to remember:
To remember with thanks
those who have given their lives in the service of others.
To remember with sadness
the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict.
We come also to commit ourselves to be peacemakers and
peacekeepers wherever we can.

Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your calling, that we may live to your praise and glory.

Amen

HYMN: Lord, for the years

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd14v0e1RWU>



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.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

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Prayer



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.

Let us lay our lives before God in sorrow for the past, and
dedicate ourselves to his service.

God our heavenly Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

We are sorry that we have turned away from you and ignored
your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

We are sorry for behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father forgive us:

save us and help us.

We are sorry for failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us;

save us and help us.

We are sorry for letting ourselves be drawn
away from you by temptations in the world around us;
Father, forgive us;

save us and help us.

May the God of love and power, forgive you and free you from
your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen



BIBLE READINGS

The days are coming when God will judge between the nations
And will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
And their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
Neither shall they train for war any more. (Isaiah 2: 4,5)

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

I lift my eyes to the hills -
where will my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

What does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6: 8)

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

HYMN: Through all the changing scenes of life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBkorDtz1nU>

THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SCENES OF LIFE,

in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.



Oh, magnify the Lord with me;
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliv'rance he affords to all
who on his succor trust.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
He'll make your wants his care.

Psalm 34, CM Downs (1832)

BIBLE READING: James 4:1-3



Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

SERMON: "I want...I want... I want..."

Revd Jeremy Groombridge

PRAYERS

Sanderstead Rainbows & Nineth Sanderstead Brownies

On this Remembrance Sunday we want to thank you, Lord, for all who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known to God

Thank you, Lord

For all who have suffered pain, distress, loss and grief that we might know joy.

Thank you, Lord

For all who have had to cope with being in prison that we might know freedom.

Thank you, Lord

For all those who served in the armed services or on the home front, sacrificing what they wanted so that we can live in peace.

Thank you, Lord

Heavenly Father,
We bring before you those who currently serve in wars and conflicts around the world.

Give them protection and shelter, Lord

For their families left at home.

Give them comfort, Lord

For those leading others and making difficult decisions.

Give them wisdom, Lord

For people in war zones who have been dispossessed, rejected, and without a place of refuge.

Give them hope, Lord, and provide for them

For children who are forced to fight

Give them freedom, Lord

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our
Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

Amen

DEDICATION



Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful
service. Will you work strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war and support those
who, in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the
consequences of fighting and terror?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

**Merciful God, today we commit ourselves to choosing:
love over hate,**

service over selfishness,

sharing over greed,

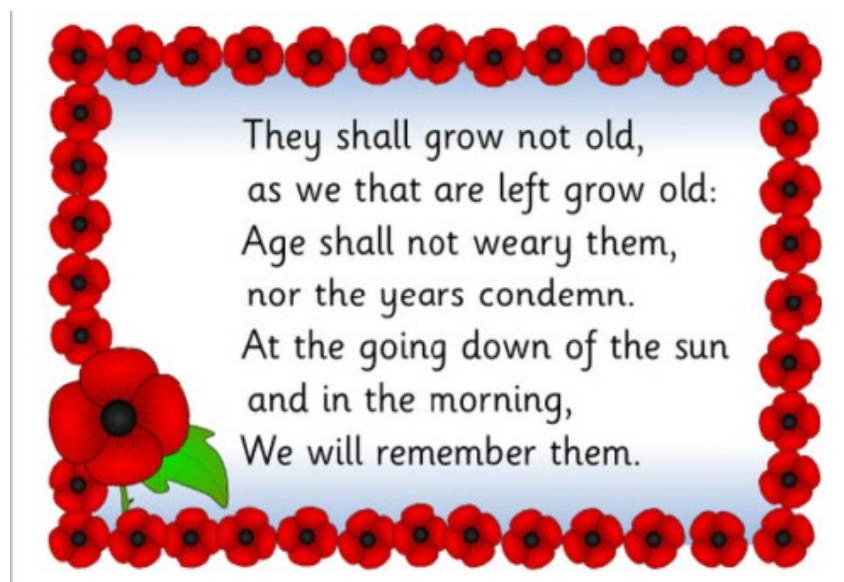
peace-making over trouble-making.

**May justice, courage and mercy be shown in our lives
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer and Lord.**

Amen

SILENCE (11am)

Let us remember 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.



The Last Post - Two minutes silence - The Reveille

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

HYMN (To be sung while leaving the Church for the Memorial)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21GTTM2TIYA>



As this hymn is sung, the wreath-bearers come forward to collect the wreaths. The flag bearers will collect their flags and lead the choir, followed by the wreath-bearers, the clergy and the congregation, out towards the Memorial. Members of the uniformed groups will collect small wooden crosses as they go out.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine, They in glory
shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

<p style="text-align: center;">LAYING OF WREATHS AND POPPIES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL</p>

The wreaths are laid and poppy crosses inserted into the ground before the Memorial.

**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.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

<p style="text-align: center;">DISMISSAL</p>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ,
Amen.**

*You are invited to stay for tea / coffee / a drink – we would
enjoy meeting you!*

NOTICES for Sunday 14th November 2021

Sunday 14th November

10.00am Remembrance Service

Sunday 21st November

9.30am Family Communion

3.30pm Messy Church - Crafts, activities, songs, stories, refreshments for children and their carers, in the Church Halls.

MEN'S GROUP EVENT – Illustrated Talk on London's Theatreland

Thursday 18th November: 7.00 for 7.30 pm Andy Warde has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated talk on London's Theatreland. (More details in the newsletter). For catering purposes (drinks & nibbles) please let David Chillman or Dick Hibberd know beforehand if you would like to join us. As ever, all are welcome at Men's Group events.

David & Dick

GIVING

We invite everyone to become a regular giver to All Saints Church. For cash and envelope offerings, there are collection plates by the door.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Croydon Refugee Centre** Charity No. 1064465 in the Rector's Office.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's that time of year again! It would be very much appreciated if you could support the much-needed work of the Children's Society again this year by buying some of their Christmas Cards. Sue Chillman and Jean Kelly both have illustrated leaflets, so please let them know if you would like to have one, and hopefully order some cards.

Sue Wragg