



All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Sunday 13th November 2022

*Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives,
Serving our Community*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday, 2022, a year in which we have again commemorated some important anniversaries - including the 40th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict which began in April 1982. It is also the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Cold War. The uncomfortable alliance between governments of East and West working together against the common enemy of Nazism had served its purpose, and only two years after the Great War ideological battles, barriers and proxy wars began. This year we have witnessed the worst kind of turbulence, violence and a return to Cold War tactics with horrific consequences for the people of Ukraine.

Today we remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. At the end of the service, we will gather at the War Memorial in the Churchyard where wreaths will be laid and poppy crosses placed 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 the Austrian writer, Karl Kraus, once observed: "War: first, one hopes to win; then one expects the enemy to lose; then, one is satisfied that he, too, is suffering; in the end, one is surprised that everyone has lost."

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

You are invited to 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.

INTRODUCTION

Minister:

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 commit ourselves afresh to work for reconciliation between nations, that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for those who, in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember, with both gratitude and grief, those whose lives have been shortened and taken away as a result of wars and conflicts; and we pray for many who – at this very moment – have lost home, family, friends, nationality, and who live at the mercy of others.

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: God is our strength and refuge

[During this hymn the flags will be paraded, followed by wreaths carried and laid on the altar by Linda Hubbard on behalf of British Legion, Councillor Lynne Hale, Deputy Elected Mayor of Croydon, Mike Leach on behalf of Sanderstead Residents Association, Wendy Parr on behalf of Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary, and representatives of the Uniformed Groups and the Metropolitan Police].

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!

Prayer (*remain standing*)

Minister:

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 repentance 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.

Minister:

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

Please sit

VIDEO: REMEMBRANCE...AND SACRIFICE

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 anymore. (Isaiah 2: 4,5)

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)

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

**"WHEN YOU CLEAN YOUR WEAPON"
A POEM BY THE UKRAINIAN POET, BORYS HUMENYUK**

When you clean your weapon
When time and again, you clean your weapon
When you rub strong-smelling oils into your weapon
And shield it from the rain with your own body
When you swaddle it like a baby
Even though you've never swaddled a baby before —
You're only nineteen, no baby, no wife —
The weapon becomes your only kin
You and the weapon are one.

When you dig trench after trench
When you dig this precious this hateful earth by handfuls
Every other handful reaches your soul
You grind this earth between your teeth
You don't, you never will have another
You climb into the earth like into your mother's womb
You are warm and snug
You've never felt this close to anyone before
You and earth are one.

When you shoot
Even when it's at night and you don't see the enemy's face
Even when night hides the enemy from you and you from the enemy
And embraces each of you as her own
You smell like gunpowder
Your hands, face, hair, clothing, shoes —
No matter how much you wash them — smell of gunpowder
They smell of war
You smell of war
You and war are one.

BORYS HUMENYUK

HYMN Make me a channel of your peace

You are invited to stand

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

*Oh, 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, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

*Oh, 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

Jon Cohen

A READING FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL
Chapter 15: 9-13

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain
in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain
in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your
joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I
have loved you.

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

SERMON: Revd Jeremy Groombridge

PRAYERS

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, for those
servicemen and women and civilians who have died in the violence
of war, each one remembered and known to God.

May God give peace.

All: **God give peace**

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

May God give peace

All: **God give peace**

Where neighbour is set against neighbour, please bring peace
Where the weak and helpless are beaten by the mighty, please bring
justice

Where the dispossessed are rejected and granted no place of refuge,
please bring shelter and comfort

Where children are forced to fight, please bring them freedom

Where hatred means war and revenge, please bring forgiveness

May God give peace
All: **God give peace**

For those who work for reconciliation and keep peace;
For all who seek to keep this world secure and free;
For members of our armed forces in danger, remembering their families and friends and all who pray for safe return;
For our leaders
May God give peace
All: **God give 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

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

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

All: **We will.**

Minister: 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?

All: **We will.**

Minister: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: **We will.**

All: **Lord Jesus,
Today we commit ourselves to:
choosing love over hate,
choosing service over selfishness,
choosing sharing over greed,
and choosing peace-making over trouble making,
For the glory and honour of your name.
Amen.**

SILENCE

Minister: 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.

Exhortation



The Last Post - Two minutes silence - The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

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

HYMN: *For all the Saints*

(To be sung while leaving the Church for the Memorial)

Before this hymn is sung, the wreath-bearers come forward to collect the wreaths and the flag bearers collect their flags. As we sing, the flag bearers lead 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 blest.
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 may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh 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!

LAYING OF WREATHS AND POPPIES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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

All say together:

**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.

DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

Coffee

*Please join us now for refreshments in
St. Catherine's Aisle.*



11.45am - Said Holy Communion

*This will be followed by a short Said Holy Communion
service at 11.45am led by Revd Carol.*



NOTICES for SUNDAY 13th November



Monday 14 November – Mothers' Union "Bells, Beer & Holly!"

8pm in St Catherine's Aisle for a handbell presentation to MU led by Sandra Winter and Angela Jones. Anyone interested in a musical evening, please join us.

Happy 99th Birthday, Mary!



Mary Duncan, who was a member of All Saints' clergy for many years, is celebrating her 99th birthday on 16th November. Her 100th is next year 2023! She is happily living in her little cottage in Chipping Campden and is as well as expected for her age. We wish her God's blessings.

Wednesday 16 November – Communion at Langley Oaks

4pm Songs & Holy Communion with the residents. Do come along and join us if you're free.

Thursday 17 November – Midweek Communion

12.30pm Take a break in the middle of your day/week/month to come to the Lord's table in St. Catherine's Aisle. All welcome.

Thursday 17 November – "Crown Jewels & Coronations"

7pm for 7.30pm in the Small Hall. Andrew Warde FRICS (London Blue Badge Guide) will give an illustrated talk entitled, "Crown Jewels & Coronations: a story of glittering grandeur"

All Saints Men's Group invite you to this interesting and convivial evening. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and Andy will start his talk at about 7.30pm. There is no charge for the event, but a retiring donation is always welcome to defray expenses.

Happy 90th Birthday, Beryl!



Beryl Oakley, who has been a member of All Saints for nearly 50 years, is celebrating her 90th Birthday on 19th November. When she was more able, she was involved in many activities at the church, including being a Eucharistic Minister and a Prayer Minister. We wish her God's blessings.

Carol singing Rehearsal for Christmas Lights Switch on – Saturday 19 November, 3.30pm

3.30pm - Carol singing rehearsal in church (for the Christmas Lights Switch-on, Saturday 26 November at 5.30pm).

Sunday 20 November – Parish Eucharist with choir

9.30am Last Sunday before Advent

11.30am Charity Christmas Craft Sale in the Church Halls.

'Come and join us for tea / coffee & browse through our selection of handmade gifts. Buy something a little different for friends and family this Christmas. All proceeds to charities.

The 'Crafty People' Craft Group

Saturday 3 December – Graham Kendrick Concert

7-10pm At Purley Baptist Church - Thanksgiving, hope and vision. Book tickets here ineeds.org.uk/fundraising-events or call Tel: 01883 331332, £15 per ticket.

Saturday 10 December - All Saints Family Christmas Party

Let us know if you can be there by completing the sign-up sheet at the back of church. We would welcome donations of dishes - 'Coq au vin' (your own recipe), 'fruit pie or crumble'. The sign-up for dishes is also at the back of church (on the same sheet).

Thank you, Katheryn Hewitt

A photo of All Saints in the snow

Does anyone have a good quality pic of All Saints in the snow that could go on our Christmas invitation card? Please let Rosanne know asap.

Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church': If you ever have any concerns, speak with one of the clergy or with Margaret Quiney 8657 4087 or Katheryn Hewitt 8657 6659, our Safeguarding Officers.

