

All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Extending God's Welcome to All.

Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 8 November 2020

Welcome to you all on Remembrance Sunday 2020, a year in which we have commemorated the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day. We remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

The War Memorial in our churchyard bears the names 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"

Owing to Covid-19, today's is a shortened service. This year we will not walk out to the War Memorial. However, after the service, those bringing wreaths are invited to lay them at the foot of the memorial.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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.

INTRODUCTION

Read by our Beavers and Cubs

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary
They shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)

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)

Minister:

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.

PRAYER

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.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive us all our sins.
Help us to make changes in our lives,
and direct all our plans for the future,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Minister:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 2: 4,5

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.

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

Lest we forget: THE FEW A short video

POEM: OUR WALL

(currently part of the Battle of Britain display on Kenley Aerodrome)

Here inscribed the names of friends we knew,
Young men with whom we often flew,
Scrambled to many angels high,
They knew that they or friends might die,
Many were very scarcely trained,
And many badly burned or maimed.
Behind each name a story lies
Of bravery in summer skies;
Though many brave unwritten tales
Were simply told in vapour trails.
Many now lie in sacred graves
And many rest beneath the waves
Outnumbered every day they flew
Remembered here as just "The few".

Written by Flight Lieutenant William Walker, pilot with 616 Squadron
at RAF Kenley during the Battle of Britain.

BIBLE READING

Read by our uniformed groups

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 14

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter
under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time
to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones
together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

POEM

Read by Mike Leach, Sanderstead Resident Association

High Flight
By
John Gillespie Magee

Spitfire pilot, killed over England, December 1941.
This immortal poem can be found hanging in Air Force Officers' homes all over the world.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew,
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

SERMON:

Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

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

All: **We will remember them as we pray**

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

All: **We will remember them as we pray**

For those who work for reconciliation and keep peace;
For members of our armed forces in danger, and for their families and friends;
For our leaders

All: **We will remember them as we pray.**

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: Will you work for reconciliation between the nations, that all may live in freedom, justice and 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 strive for all that makes for peace and work for the good of all humanity?

All: **We will.**

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.



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

Concluding words

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.**

HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be for ever blest.
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!

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!

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Wreaths will be laid later today on the war memorial. We are grateful to Myles McCarthy on behalf of The Royal British Legion, Mike Leach on behalf of Sanderstead Residents Association, Kate Balzer, Group Scout Leader 16th Purley, and Wendy Parr from Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary.

