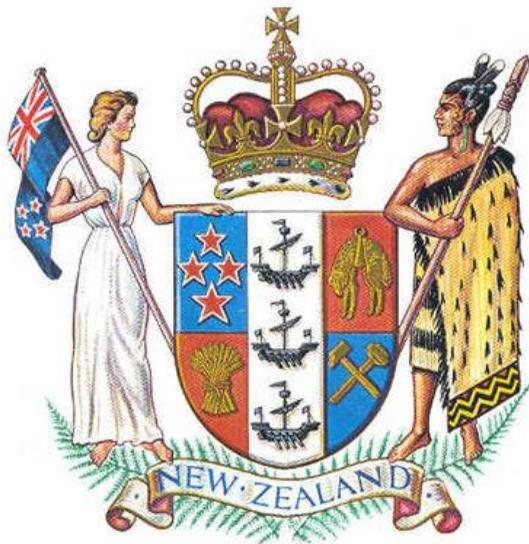


Walton-on-Thames
St Mary's and St John's

ANZAC DAY

Commemorative Service



Sunday 25th April 2021 at 6.30 pm
St Mary's Church, Walton-on-Thames

Service led by Rev Jonny Blair, Vicar

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please wear your mask, covering your mouth and nose, throughout the service. Covid-19 regulations mean we do not join in with the singing.

People participating from the front of Church may remove their masks whilst speaking.

*Throughout the service, please join in with the **words in bold***

This year there is no processional hymn and standards will not be received at the altar

Please stand when the Church Ministers enter from the front of Church

WELCOME

We remain standing as we listen to

***Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.***

***Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.***

***Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.***

Charles Wesley

Please sit

INTRODUCTION

For nearly a century in this church a Service of Commemoration has been held to honour and solemnly recall the sacrifice offered by the great Commonwealth Nations of New Zealand and Australia in the fires of war.

Each year, those who gave their lives have been remembered with pride; and each year we pray with faith and hope for a future in which the fears and hostilities which lead to wars may be overcome by our united commitment to justice, peace and the wellbeing of all people.

Standing alongside New Zealanders and Australians across the world, we commemorate the Gallipoli Landings on 25th April 1915. Some of those New Zealanders buried in our graveyard died of wounds received at Gallipoli.

This evening, as we lift our hearts in prayer to God our heavenly Father, let us first confess to him our share in the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, selfishness and greed, its divisions and hatreds, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all people.

Minister Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
(We pause and reflect on our own shortcomings)
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

All **Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your
command, that all your people may be gathered
into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.**

READING: 1 John 3: 16-24

*Read by Captain Stephanie Sheldon,
representing the Australian Defence Force*

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

We read together

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

READING: John 10: 11-18

Read by Mr. Bede Corry, the High Commissioner for New Zealand

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So, when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life; only to take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

At the end of the reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON
Rev Alex Oehring

Please stand as we listen to

HYMN

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

*Original words by Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1892), alternate words and music by Vikki Cook
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Please sit

ANZAC DAY MESSAGE

Read by Major Paul Cocker from the New Zealand Army

Please stand

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

**O Lord God, whose name only is excellent
and whose praise is above heaven and earth:
we give Thee high praise and hearty thanks
for all those who counted not their lives dear
unto themselves, but laid them down for their friends;
beseeching Thee to give them a part and a lot
in those good things which thou hast prepared
for all those whose names are written in the Book of
Life; and grant to us, that having them always in
remembrance, we may imitate their faithfulness
and with them inherit the new name
which Thou hast promised to them that overcome;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing

Minister Let us remember before God the New Zealanders
 who are buried here in Walton.

*Their names are listed on the back cover of this service
booklet and are now read aloud by Rev Caroline Merrick*

THE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

We remain standing and listen

God of Nations at thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star,
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for Thee increase,
May Thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty, give us peace,
God defend our free land.
From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.

Please sit or kneel

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Minister We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives.

For The Queen and her family, and all who under her bear the responsibility of government:

All **Thanks be to God.**

For those who serve in the armed forces, and for the safety and well-being of those on active service overseas:

All **Thanks be to God.**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress:

All **Thanks be to God.**

For the unity of all people within the Commonwealth:

All **Thanks be to God.**

For those whose sacrifice has contributed to our peace:

All **Thanks be to God.**

For the Royal British Legion:

All **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

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.**

Please stand

ACT OF COMMITMENT

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 humanity in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

THE BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM

We remain standing and listen

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!

Please remain standing

In previous years, at this point in the service, we would process out to the ANZAC War Memorial to lay wreaths, say prayers, sound the Last Post, have 2 minutes silence and then sound the Reveille.

Tonight, in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will play the Last Post, have 2 minutes silence and play the Reveille in Church. We will conclude our service in Church with the Blessing, after which the service leader and 5 dignitaries will leave to lay wreaths at the memorial as we listen to 'O God, our help in ages past', after which you are free to leave.

Refreshments will not be served after the service.

Please do not remain in Church chatting and, when outside, please comply with the 'Rule of 6'.

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.

All **Amen.**

Minister 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.

The Last Post

Silence 2 minutes

Reveille

THE BLESSING

Minister May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, and may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Minister leads 5 dignitaries to the ANZAC Memorial in the Graveyard to lay their wreaths as we listen to

HYMN

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.

Isaac Watts

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Next year's ANZAC Service will be on Sunday, 24th April 2022

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**IN MEMORY OF NEW ZEALANDERS
BURIED AT WALTON-ON-THAMES**

Private Montrose Arthur Baker
Colonel Charles Mackie Begg, CB, CMG
Miss Wilmet Annie Bennett
Private Frederick Robert Black
Rifleman Roland George Blinko
Private John Lewis Boyd
Sergeant John Brian Dalton
Sapper Jack Fleming
Private William Fox
Driver Alfred H Hall
Private Kingi Hamana
Corporal Thomas Henry Hudson
Corporal Thomas Wallace Phillips
Private James Livingstone Porter
Private William Henry Rishworth
Rifleman Edward Rout
Driver William Henry Russell
Private Terekia Taura
Private Ramera (Rainiera) Wairau

Commemorated but not buried in the Churchyard

Private William Orr McDiarmid
Captain Charles Kay Ward