

Churches Together in Walton-on-Thames and The Royal British Legion

Service and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 13th November 2022 at 10.40 am

(please join in with the words in **bold** type)

As we gather Ashley School Choir will sing The White Cliffs of Dover & We'll Meet Again

Welcome by Rev Caroline Merrick

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.

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













John 15:12-14 Read by Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Sermon Julius Popoola

Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

Prayers for our town, nation and world led by Rev Dave Bixby After each prayer, please join in with the following response

Leader: 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 forever. Amen.

Remembering

An older person (OP) says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person (YP) replies:
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Together, we all say We will remember them.

The Last Post

Two Minutes' Silence

The Reveille

The Laying of Wreaths Commentary by Rev Jonny Blair

Commitment

- OP When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.
- CM Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
- YP Will you strive for all that makes for peace? We will
- OP Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? We will
- YP Will you work for a just future for all humanity? We will

All: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. Amen

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.



Blessing

The parade then forms and marches from outside Ashley School, round the War memorial, down New Zealand Avenue, through the Heart Shopping Centre and is dismissed on the High Street before Churchfield Rd.

Free refreshments are served in the Walton Baptist Church on Winchester Road.

The shops across town will be open after the service.

Thank you to everyone who has made this service and act of remembrance possible. Special thanks to Joanna Gordon and the audio-visual team.

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