

**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*Welcome – Service conducted by Katharine Bacon, LLM*

**Hymn – Praise my soul, the King of heaven!**

- 1        Praise my soul, the King of heaven!  
          To his feet thy tribute bring;  
          ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
          who like me his praise should sing?  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise the everlasting King!
  
- 2        Praise him for his grace and favour  
          to our fathers in distress;  
          praise him still the same as ever,  
          slow to chide and swift to bless.  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Glorious in his faithfulness!
  
- 3        Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
          well our feeble frame he knows;  
          in his hands he gently bears us,  
          rescues us from all our foes!  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Widely as his mercy flows!
  
- 4        Angels, help us to adore him;  
          ye behold him face to face;  
          sun and moon, bow down before him,  
          dwellers all in time and space.  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise him! Praise him!  
          Praise with us the God of grace!

## The Gathering

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 26:1*

I lift my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121:1-2*

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

*Lamentations 3:21-23*

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 40:30*

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*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

## Remembering

**Thoughts on Remembrance Day – *Sir Andrew Pulford***

**Further thoughts – *Philip Clarke***

We remember before God, and commend to his sure 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 mankind.

## Rolls of Honour: 1914-18, 1939-45

**Colston Bassett – *Charles Newton***

**Cropwell Bishop – *Roger Winfield***

**Tythby and Cropwell Butler – *Mike Raines***

**Granby, Sutton, Barnstone and Langar – *Andrew Charlett***

## The Exhortation – *Andrew Charlett*

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.

**We will remember them.**

## The Last Post is sounded

## The two-minute silence is observed

## Reveille is sounded

## The Kohima Epitaph - *Andrew Charlett*

When you go home, tell them of us and say,

For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

## Prayer of Commemoration

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;

May the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Act of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed, its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek to establish that peace which God wills for his children.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

## Hymn – Great is thy Faithfulness

- 1 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 for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 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.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 3 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!

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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!*

## Bible Readings

### Romans 8:31-39 - *Read by Sir Andrew Pulford*

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **John 15:9-17 – read by John Rainbow**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Address – Reverend Fred Connell**

## Hymn – Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

- 1       Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
          o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
          guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
          for we have no help but thee;  
          yet possessing every blessing  
          if our God our Father be.
  
- 2       Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
          all our weakness thou dost know;  
          thou didst tread this earth before us,  
          thou did feel its keenest woe;  
          lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
          through the desert thou didst go.
  
- 3       Spirit of our God, descending,  
          fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
          love with every passion blending,  
          pleasure that can never cloy:  
          thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
          nothing can our peace destroy.

## Praying Together

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of the nations,

That you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those who serve in the armed forces of the Crown, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you may turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Most Holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and yearn for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Responding in Hope and commitment

*All are invited to light a candle as part of this service as an Act of Remembrance and also on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.*

## Poems of Remembrance

*by pupils from Langar Church of England Primary School*

## Thoughts on Remembrance Day

*by Colonel (Retired) John Ludlam OBE*

## Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will**

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**

## The National Anthem

*signed by pupils from Langar Church of England Primary School*

- 1 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.
  
- 2 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.

## The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all its people,  
unity, peace, and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting.  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

***You are invited to join us for a virtual 'Coffee and Chat' after the service.  
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