

Remembrance Sunday Lapworth War Memorial

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.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
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 BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all 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.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (First verse)

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 leave two meters between household groups
as you leave.*

HYMN: O God our help in ages past

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.

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.

INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

My brothers and sisters, we gather today
in the presence of God to remember before him
all who have given their lives in the trauma of war.
We shall remember the service they have offered.
We shall honour the sacrifice they have made.
We shall pray for the nations that they have defended
and commit ourselves to the service of others and the
building of peace.

ACT OF PENITENCE

But we must start our worship by facing up to the reality
of sin. Rejection of God and neighbour causes strife in our
own lives and wars between peoples and nations.

So 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 and 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 all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READING

John 15: 9-17 read by Mike Parkes, Churchwarden

REFLECTION

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our saviour has taught us, so we pray.
**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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

The Roll of Honour is read

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.

Two minutes silence

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.

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

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