

The Parish Church of Saint Paul's

Charlestown.



Remembrance Sunday 2019

*Remembrance Sunday,
8th November, 2020*

THE SERVICE

All gather in silence around the War Memorial

The minister says

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

Psalm 46.1

I lift up 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

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the 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

The names on the War Memorial are read.

A member of the congregation says

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

Another member of the congregation says

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All

We will remember them.

Two minutes silence

At the completion of the silence following prayer is said:

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.

Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are Peace.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

Hear these words from the New Testament

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have
died in the violence of war, each one
remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the
sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

for all members of the armed forces who
are in danger this day, remembering
family, friends and all who pray for their
safe return;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

for civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and
hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

for all who bear the burden and privilege
of leadership, political, military and
religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and
resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace
All **God give peace**

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.

All **Amen.**

All join together in 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
for ever and ever.
Amen**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Wreaths are laid

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible
living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **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.

All **Amen**

The National Anthem sung

**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!**

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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.

All

Amen