

St Mary's Church, Bocking

Panfield Church



A Service of Remembrance

Sunday November 8th 2020

Lest we forget

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends.*

John 15:13 KJV

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times
and in every way. 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

THE GATHERING

Welcome

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.

Introduction

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

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

We remember with sorrow and thanksgiving
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.
Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war,
as we say together;

**All We remember now those whom we knew,
and whose memory we treasure;**

**We remember those mourned by others,
whose names we will never know**

**We remember all who have lived and died
in the service of humankind.**

ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us now confess to God
the sins and shortcomings of the world;
it's pride, it's selfishness, it's greed and
it's evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us remember our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

**Most merciful God, 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,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, 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.

All Amen.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

By the reading of these names, may we remember all who have died
in the violence of war and terrorism, each one remembered by and
known to God.

The list of those to be remembered by name is read from the back of the church.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by the sounding of the Last Post.

Silence is kept followed by the sounding of the Reveille.

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.

All We will remember them.

The wreathes are laid after which the Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

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.

Hymn

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has bought them and Whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

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.**

Closing Prayer

Eternal God,
In whose perfect realm no sword is drawn
but the sword of justice, and no strength known
but the strength of love:
guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,
that peoples and nations may find their security
in the love which casts out fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The National Anthem

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.

Final Blessing

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

