# Service of Remembrance

This service is based on that used at St Edmund's Allestree on Sunday 14 November 2021 at 10 am. There is no Zoom service today.

Hymn - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79oJWx3lxlU</u>

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at thy word, Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the waters dark and rude, And bid their angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour. From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them whereso'er they go, This evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting Music: Melita, J.B. Dykes - CP 413

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. And also with you.

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 live together in freedom, justice and peace. We come before God in prayer.

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.

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy: we look to you to save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down, you set your people free: we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; save and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:

hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory: make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom. 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 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.** 

# The Collect

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. Amen.

# The New Testament lesson - Ephesians 6.10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Hymn - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiIoXrApr4U&t=74s

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, For a just and equal sharing Of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, From despair your world release, That, redeemed from war and hatred, All may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness Fear will die and hope increase. All that kills abundant living, Let it from the earth be banned: Pride of status, race or schooling, Dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written Your great name on humankind; For our growing in your likeness Bring the life of Christ to mind; That by our response and service Earth its destiny may find.

Words: Fred Kaan, Mujsic: Alleluia dulce carmen, Essay on Church Plain Chant, 1782 - CP 427

# The Gospel - Mark 13.1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

# Sermons from Clive and from Peter can be downloaded from the front page of the church website

Anthem - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvwW5ju6PH8

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints: Where sorrow and pain are no more; Neither sighing, but life everlasting. Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man: And we are mortal, formed of the earth, And unto the earth shall we return: For so thou didst ordain, when thou createdst me, saying, Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return. All we go down to the dust; and, weeping o'er the grave, we make our song: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words and music: Russian Contakion of the Departed

# The Intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, In our nations and our world, The peace which is your will, The peace which we so badly need.

We remember today O Lord all those who have died in any kind of war throughout your world, soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, innocent people buried beneath the rubble from bomb attacks, men, women and children brutally attacked and murdered in their villages. We remember especially those victims of the two World Wars including those close to us, or to our parents and grandparents. We remember those who came home with terrible injuries, both physical and psychological and those whose loved ones never returned. For those who went from our communities, whose names are listed on our Memorials or who are buried in our churchyards. We give thanks for the work of the Royal British Legion in this its centenary year, and ask your blessing on that work. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Remembering the conflicts of the past and the sacrifices which were made, we pray for a world where war is still a grim reality. Lord as we remember those who have lost their lives, help us to renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression. Still we cry out to you in the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish, let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Lord hear our prayer for the multitudes in every country who do not want war and are ready to walk the path of peace. May their voice be heard and may they not lose heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations, asking you to pour out your

spirit of reconciliation on them. Your Kingdom of peace and justice seems a long way away. While there are some things to celebrate in the outcome of COP26 – and we thank you for those who have laboured hard over the last fortnight to try and find agreement – we know that self-interest, wealth, political and financial interests have triumphed over the need to build a better world. We know that men, women and children will continue to die because of the changing climate, men, women and children will continue, while others get incredibly rich, and all of us see our lifestyles protected. Help us to work for a fairer world, help us in the way we live to think – and protect – others, help us to push for political action and a change in the way we view each other. Ghandi reminds us that the earth has enough for every man's need, but not enough for every man's greed – forgive us for our greed, help us to work for justice. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us a longing to bring freedom from fear and freedom from want for all peoples. Give strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world. We pray for leadership across this world, for reconciliation and for peace. For Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family, for the Prime Minister and his government, for all our Members of Parliament, for those in leadership in local government. Lord, we need leadership, and we need to work together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

We pray also for the Christian Church, called to witness to your love in this generation. For the life our churches in our changing communities. May Christians, may we all, work with all people of goodwill to break down the barriers which divide people. May those who profess one faith respect those who sincerely hold another faith and build a community where there is harmony and understanding. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

We pray for our Health Service - for medical staff, for those who have to manage resources, for our hospitals, for those in the community. For our residential homes and care facilities. For our ambulance service, under huge pressure. We pray for those fighting Covid – we know it hasn't gone away - for those with other medical needs. We ask for your love, light - that we may journey together. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all who face difficulties in their personal lives problems in their families, in their friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Help them to be calm in times of uncertainty and patient with those around them. Show us when we can help and give support to others around us. We pray for all our families - naming before you, Lord, any for whom we are particularly concerned. Ralph will be baptised here this afternoon, we pray for him and his family. Faith is preparing for her confirmation in a fortnight, Lord be with her, we ask, as she makes this step of faith. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

On this day of remembrance our hearts and prayers go out to all who mourn the loss of those we have loved. Help all those who are bereaved to find the same consolation that in knowledge of your love they may honour the past by looking to the future. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3OpCuwBSE4

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home;

Beneath 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

#### The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

Let us hear the names of those from this place who have lost their lives in the service of our country.

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Men of Allestree who gave their lives for their country, and whose names are recorded on our Memorial Cross

#### <u>World War 1</u>

Thomas Bancroft Joseph Benford John William Clifford Albert Edmund Kidger William Henry North Arthur Smith Oliver Ward William Webster

Arthur Haslam Barlow Arthur Albert Bull Frederick Hulland Ernest Arthur Murfin Ernest Reginald Plant Thomas Spencer Joseph Webster Joseph William Webster

#### World War 2

Willaim Charles BrosterLogEdwin George BurtonRobertThomas Frederick FisherGJohn Reginald GrundyJohRayner Alfred HargravesFrank LittleReginCyril PountainDomAlfred George WaplesHowLewis WatsonAlec WHenry Emerson Wright

Logie Watson Brown Robert Anthony Case George Muir Gee John George Gutch Ewart Holmes Reginald Charles Morris Donald John Samuel Howard Waples Alec Wright Wright

and please remember Frank Fisher (WW1) and Eric Francis Cotton (WW2)

#### both buried in our churchyard

Men of Darley Abbey who gave their lives, and whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Cross

<u>World War 1</u>

GEORGE GARFIELD BEESLEY HARRY ALLEN BROWN JOHN HARRISON FRED OLDFIELD WILLIAM EDWARD PARKER ALWYN STEVENSON ALFRED THOMPSON

World War 2

GEORGE DICKENSON ROBERT LESLIE LITCHFIELD ROBERT JOHN COCKSHOTT CYRIL HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH

Falklands War

IAIN BOLDY

Whilst Training

ALEC WILLIAM DEAN DEREK STUART FLETCHER

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, Silence is kept. <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSIMcypTOOs</u>

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

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.** 

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

# The 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 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 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3dR7u7TPNo

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!

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 humanity, 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.**