



## **Welcome to A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Autumn Leaves**

*At the dying of the year we remember those who have gone  
ahead of us, through death, into God's arms  
And commend them to God.*



**St Mary's, Hampton Poyle  
9th November 2025  
5pm**

*Music: Make Me an Instrument Lord of thy Peace - Kathryn Crossweller.*

## Welcome

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

Autumn comes. It always does.  
Goodbye comes. It always does.  
The trees struggle with this truth today  
And in my deepest of being, so do I.

*Joyce Rupp*

The rain to the wind said 'you push and I'll pelt.'  
They so smote the garden bed  
That the flowers actually knelt  
And lay lodged, though not dead.  
I know how the flowers felt.

*Robert Frost*

## Song:

Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground,  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light,  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him,  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

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## Poem: "Bereavement"

Dark place,  
Where, vulnerable, alone,  
We lick the wounds of loss.

Wise friends say little,  
But hold us in their love,  
And listen.

There are no guarantees,  
Only reports from those  
Who've been there,  
That there is hope,  
And life persists.

*Anne Lewin*

## Reading: *Isaiah 43.1-3*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God.

## Reflection: *Just One Leaf*



## Song

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

## The Lighting of Candles and Reading of Names



*As we read each name, please come forward and light a candle for those you are remembering.*

*When the days are dark, a small light penetrates the gloom and shines with the hope of new life.*

## Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.  
*And I will trust....*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort  
I need to know.  
*And I will trust....*

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## The Lighting of Candles for those who Died in War

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 remember each year those young men of our village  
and others who died in war, and as we read their  
names aloud we light a candle for each of them.  
When all the candles are lit we stay seated and sing:*



## Hymn

Be still and know that I am God x3  
I am the Lord that health thee x3  
In thee O Lord I put my trust x3



## The Exhortation:

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, Silence, and Reveille

### The Kohima Epitaph:

'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Your  
Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'

**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.**

### Reading: Romans 8. 38-39

*St Paul writes words of deep hope for all people in all times:*  
No, despite all these things.... I am convinced that  
nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither  
death, nor life, nor angels, nor demons, neither our fears  
for today nor worries about tomorrow – not even the  
powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

## **Prayers for the world and our concerns, ending with:**

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**

## **Hymn:**

Hope for the world's despair:  
we feel the nations' pain;  
can anything repair  
this broken earth again?  
For this we pray: in every place  
a spark of grace to light the way.

Wisdom for all who bear  
the future in their hand,  
entrusted with the care  
of this and every land.  
When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray,  
inspire the way we spend our power.

Honour for all who've paid  
war's painful, bitter price,  
when duty called they made  
the greatest sacrifice.  
Their memory will never cease  
to cry for peace and harmony.

Love for the human heart:  
when hate grows from our fears  
and inwardly we start  
to turn our ploughs to spears.  
Help us to sow love's precious seed  
in word and deed, that peace may grow.

## Blessing

May God be a bright flame before you,  
a guiding star to lighten your darkness.  
May God smooth the way for you  
and when it is hard to see, lead you with outstretched arm.  
May God shield you and surround you,  
hold your sorrows, wipe your tears,  
and when you are ready, lift your faces  
and walk with you into the light of a new day:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

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*Sunrise and a new day at Hampton Poyle: Nov 2023*

