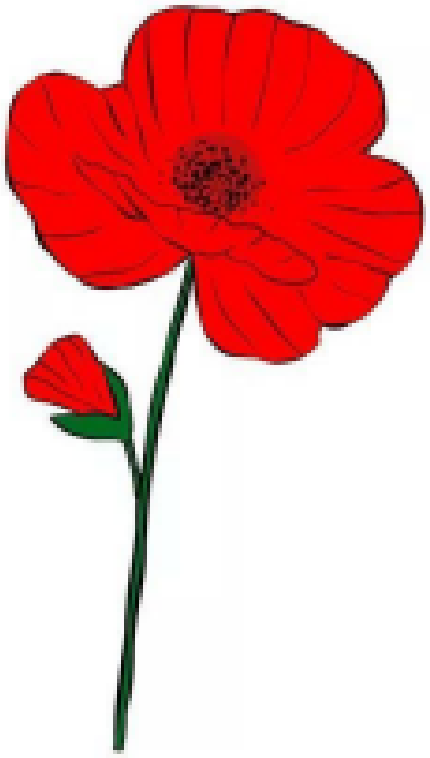
St John's, Kidlington



Remembrance Sunday service

8th November 2026, 10am

Hymn: Hope for the World's Despair

Our 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 your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your 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 op'ning day.

Like flow'ry fields the nations stand,
Pleased with the morning light;
The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand
Lie with'ring ere 'tis night.

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

The Greeting

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

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

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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 warfare.

Prayers of Penitence

(using the Litany of Reconciliation prayed daily at Coventry Cathedral)

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.

We hold a moment of silence

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of
God. The hatred which divides nation from
nation,
race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive

The greed which exploits the work of human
hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive

Our indifference to the plight of
the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, **Father, forgive**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Father, forgive**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
Who in Jesus Christ has given us
A kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
Forgive your sins,
Open your eyes to God's truth,
Strengthen you to do God's will
And give you the joy of his kingdom,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Hymn – Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Old Irish Hymn, Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880 –1931)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit for the sermon

Sermon

Intercessions - *Please sit or kneel for the prayers*

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. **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. **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. **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. **God give peace**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace. **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. **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. **Amen.**

The Peace

> Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you I do not give to you as the world gives.'
>
> The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: Beauty for Brokenness

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman, trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise

God of the poor…

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The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Eucharistic Prayer G

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, Lord, our light and our salvation;
To you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away your love remained steadfast. From them, you raised up Jesus our Saviour,

born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them saying,
'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for
you; Do this is remembrance of me.'

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks and said, 'Drink this all of
you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear
Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your
presence, form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that
eternal splendour for which you have created us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven, we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen

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. 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.

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in our hearts with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Please indicate if you would like us to intinct the wafer or if you would like the cup.

Taize Chants during communion:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life

Post-Communion Prayer

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We pray together

Father of all, we give you thanks and
praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord

Amen

Act of Remembrance - *Please stand*

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

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

A younger person replies
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, we will remember them.
We will remember them.

The Last Post is played.
Silence is kept.
The Reveille is played.

The Kohima Epitaph is said (by the older person)
When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

The minister continues
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.**

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 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.

We sing the National Anthem

God save our gracious King
long live our noble King, God save the King.
Send him victorious, happy and glorious
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

The Sending Out

Please stand

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see.

F. Crosby (1820-1915)

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