

## MAKE A POPPY TREE

It's not too late to make a poppy and add it to the yew tree outside St Mary's Church. At a time when we cannot mark Remembrance Day in the usual ways, let's make this visual display of our gratitude for the sacrifices made in the past and our commitment to justice, peace and reconciliation. Whatever design you choose for your poppy, it should ideally be water-proof. Do bring a peg to attach it as there may not be enough available pegs on the tree. For one idea on how to make one, watch the video at [www.denhamparish.church/blog](http://www.denhamparish.church/blog)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### St Mary's Church:

*During the renewed lockdown there will be no services at St Mary's Church.*

### Online: Sundays 10.30am

Stream any time afterwards:

[www.denhamparish.church/blog](http://www.denhamparish.church/blog)

### Church Coffee Online:

Please find the link at

[www.denhamparish.church/blog](http://www.denhamparish.church/blog)

**Telephone:** Available any time for a week, Sun to Sat: **01895 714013**



### Please pray for ...

- those affected most by the renewed lockdown.
- those who continue to suffer the consequences of war, fighting and terror.
- those who are sick and those suffering from bereavement at this time: the families of Robin Marshall and Sylvia McBride.

## Living well through the next six months

Living with COVID-19 will be hard for everyone this winter. While the Rule of Six is not applicable during the renewed lockdown, there are lessons that Christians can draw from this number to help us live well in these times.

### > SIX MONTHS IS THE NEW HORIZON

Focus on Easter and lean back into the great themes of the church year.

### > SIX DAYS TO WORK AND A SABBATH TO REST

Reclaim the gift of one day each week for rest and re-creation.

### > SIX PEOPLE TO JOURNEY WITH

Rediscover church as small groups of people supporting one another.

### > SIX WAYS TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

Identify the people and community organisations you can support.

### > SIX PERCENT TO YOUR CHURCH

If your income is stable, increase your giving to sustain the local church.

### > SIX PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

Pray for people you know to discover the riches of our faith.

Find out more: [oxford.anglican.org/six](http://oxford.anglican.org/six)

## HELP WITH ERRANDS

Please contact our church office if you need help with shopping or other errands. We would love to help!

## ONLINE DONATIONS



If you wish to make a donation to Denham Parish Church, please scan this code with the camera or QR app on your smartphone and follow instructions.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Remembrance Sunday

Due to the renewed national lockdown, our church buildings have to remain closed. But the life of our church is not being put on hold and God remains active in his world! This news and service sheet is one way of keeping in touch and worshipping together. You can download it from our website or ask for a paper version to be sent to you. The inside pages provide you with a simple service so you can worship at home. Please check our website or Facebook page on a regular basis and do contact our church office if we can help in any way.

### Remembrance, Covid and a Life of Service and Sacrifice by Christoph Lindner

Since Thursday we are in a second period of national lockdown and so Remembrance Day will look differently this year. At St Mary's Church we will still hold a short ceremony around the War Memorial, but only community representatives who lay wreaths, members of the armed forces and veterans should be invited to help protect one another. *If you read this before Sunday and you are part of one of those groups, please contact our church office or myself (after Friday 12.30pm) so we can register you for the event. Please do not attend without having registered.*

Our commemoration will take place online ([www.denhamparish.church/blog](http://www.denhamparish.church/blog)) with a Remembrance Service at 10.30am and on the telephone (01895 714013).

There is a fine balance between freedom and safety and we need to continue to pray for the leaders of our nation and our world as they navigate this crisis. Archbishop Justin Welby, together with other faith leaders have written to our prime minister to ask whether shutting down churches and places of worship is the right response: We have shown ourselves responsible in creating COVID-safe places, worship is not a leisure activity but the work of God and it contributes to the flourishing of our nation and the spiritual and mental well-being of worshippers. At the same time, we are called to be subject to the authorities - we will make our voice heard *and* we will follow the rules and be part of this national community of solidarity.

Because at its root the massive effort to keep the most vulnerable people in our society safe and to allow the NHS to help everyone who needs its services is a Christian impulse. When Jesus was born, the ruling morality of the Roman Empire was that 'might is right' and neither Jews nor Gentiles could grasp how a suffering servant might be the rescuer, the Messiah, the Lord of the universe. Jesus started this revolution of service, sacrifice and love and it has transformed our world over the last 2000 years. That is why on Remembrance Sunday we remember his words from John 15: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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## WELCOME

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1*

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.

## HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

## ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; it's 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,  
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; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all  
goodness, and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## REMEMBERING

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.**

## SILENCE

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.**

## BIBLE READING

John 15:12-17  
Jesus says: "This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have  
loved you. No one has greater love  
than this, to lay down one's life for  
one's friends. You are my friends if you  
do what I command you. I do not call  
you servants any longer, because the  
servant does not know what the  
master is doing; but I have called you  
friends, because I have made known to  
you everything that I have heard from  
my Father. You did not choose me but I  
chose you. And I appointed you to go  
and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so  
that the Father will give you whatever  
you ask him in my name. I am giving  
you these commands so that you may  
love one another."

## REFLECTION (or read page 1)

## SONG

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

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

## Our Father, who art in heaven...

## HYMN

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

## DEDICATION

When you go home, tell them of us  
and say, for your tomorrow,  
we gave our today.  
**We will not break faith with you.**

**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

The peace of God, which passes all  
understanding, keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of  
God; and the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among us and remain  
with us always. **Amen.**