

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**

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.

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

### **BLESSING**

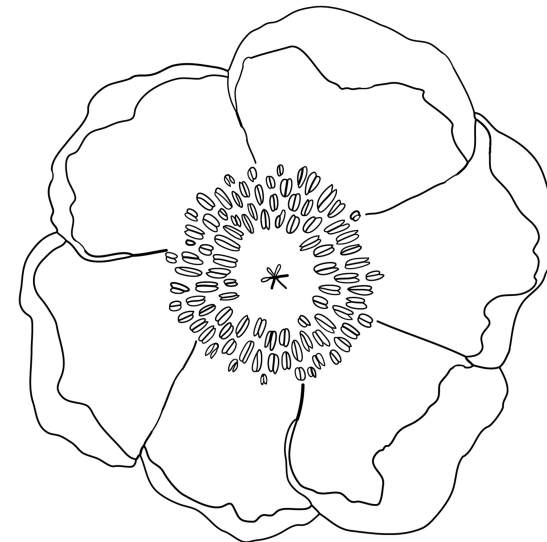
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## **St Mary's Church Denham**



## **An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday**



*Please join in with words in bold. Hymn numbers can be found on the hymn boards.*

## INTRODUCTION

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 46.1*

## HYMN

*(The Standards will be brought to the Sanctuary.)*

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*(The Standards will be lowered.)*

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!

Thy choicest gifts in store,  
On him be pleased to pour;  
Long may he reign:  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King!

The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest  
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of Glory passes on His way  
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## THE PLACING OF THE WREATHS

### THE LAST POST

### DEDICATION

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

All respond: **We will not break faith with you.**

### THE REVEILLE

### 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.**

**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.**

### **HYMN**

*(During this hymn an offering will be taken for the British Legion.  
Please take this order of service with you and follow the choir into the  
churchyard to stand around the memorial.)*

For all the saints who from their labours rest  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful true and bold  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine  
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### **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.

*After a short silence, all say:*

**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.

### **HYMN**

*(During the last lines of this hymn the speakers of the Words of  
Remembrance will come forward. Please remain standing.)*

## REMEMBERING

*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.

*All affirm:*

**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

### ADDRESS

### 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 peace-makers and peace-keepers,  
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.**