

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR REMEMBRANCE, 8th NOVEMBER:

Micah 4: 1-5; John 15: 9-17

### WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for Remembrance Sunday – the document is attached.

**There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, and also a story for Remembrance (Micah: 4: 3). These were filmed near the War Memorial in Stoke Hammond Church. These can be found on the following links:**

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** [https://youtu.be/m2G\\_wZvJkPc](https://youtu.be/m2G_wZvJkPc)
- **A Story for Remembrance:-** <https://youtu.be/Q5bpBGCDniM>

### SUNDAY SERVICE - Revd Val Plumb, Rural Dean for Mursley Deanery

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for Remembrance Sunday. Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/i0akolcAaOg>

### RADIO 4:

#### Sunday Worship at 8.10am **Seek Higher things**

A service for Remembrance from the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell in its centenary year. Preacher: The Revd (Air Vice Marshall) John Ellis, Chaplain in Chief RAF; Leader: The Revd (Wing Commander) David Norfield, RAF, the College Chaplain. RAF personnel speak of their experience of the place of God in their life of service - a nurse looking after COVID patients; a junior officer whose fast jet pilot father lost his life on active service. Readings: Isaiah 55 (from verse 6) Matthew 25. Recordings from RAF music services.

#### **Ceremony of Remembrance from the Cenotaph, Whitehall 10.30 – 11.45am**

The solemn ceremony in Whitehall when the nation remembers the sacrifice made by so many in the two world wars and in other more recent conflicts. The traditional music of remembrance is played by the massed bands. After the Two Minutes Silence and Last Post, wreaths are laid at the foot of the Cenotaph by members of the Royal Family, political leaders and representatives of Commonwealth countries, before a short Service of Remembrance. The number of veterans in the March Past is reduced this year, and the streets are not lined by the usual crowds, but the familiar music and movements of the ceremony remain. As the nation marks anniversaries of The Battle of Britain, VE Day, VJ Day and The Korean War, and also reflects on the response to Covid-19, veterans, military personnel, historians and people affected by conflict share their thoughts.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### **Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph BBC 1 at 10.15 – 11.45am**

David Dimbleby presents live coverage from the Cenotaph. The royal family, the government and the armed forces will gather in Westminster for the National Service of Remembrance. The ceremony has been adapted for social distancing, and the traditional march-past will not take place. The 11 o'clock two-minute silence will be followed by wreath-laying as the nation remembers all those who died serving their country.

#### **Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Remembrance Sunday**

Aled Jones visits the Brecon Beacons in Wales, where the British military has trained since the Second World War. Aled meets Jules Hudson, broadcaster and military historian, to

find out about Brecon's military connections, including being the home of the Royal Welsh. We mark the 25th anniversary of the Disability Discrimination Act and the impact it has had on the lives of many members of the armed forces as well as civilians in the UK over the last two and a half decades. James Lusted finds out more from an organisation called the Soldier's Arts Academy that works with servicemen and women who have been injured whilst serving their country. James speaks to Christian Maurillia Simpson, who served in Iraq but retired from the army due to injury. She shares her story of finding peace through the medium of singing and her faith. We celebrate 150 years of the British Red Cross by meeting one of its longest serving volunteers, who felt called to start helping with the charity during the Second World War, when she was just seven years old. And Aled Jones is reunited with D-Day veteran Harry Billinge, who featured in the Songs of Praise episode to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in 2019. Harry tells Aled about receiving his MBE from the Queen for services to charitable fundraising and reveals his reflections about Remembrance Sunday. With brand new music performances, including from military veterans, and hymns to mark Remembrance Day.

### **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

#### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for Remembrance Sunday at 10am**

This year Remembrance Sunday will be significantly changed for many, as England enters a second period of lockdown, and we will mark the occasion in ways very different from those we have been familiar with in the past. Yet, however we mark the day, be it in public or in the privacy of our own homes, we will each find our own way to keep silence, to pray and to remember. Remembering is at the very heart of the Christian faith and it is the central act around which our worship revolves as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Today, as we remember with gratitude, let us each resolve to pray, seek and act to bring the peace of Christ to all whose lives we touch.

To download the order of service and to watch the service, live or at a later time, follow the link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

**To access by telephone, dial 01865 920930** to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Standard call rates apply.

### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:**

#### **Worship at Home, an Online Weekly Service at 9am Remembrance Day 2020**

The Church of England will broadcast a national online service to mark Remembrance Sunday from the Royal Military Chapel (Guards' Chapel) in London. A special page has been created to allow you to reflect and remember, wherever you may be, on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

To view this special page, and to view the service, go to:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/remembrance-day-2020>

### **BISHOP STEVEN'S LATEST WEEKLY PODCAST, RECORDED ON 6th NOVEMBER: Will You Come and Follow Me?**

Bishop Steve writes:- The prophet sings of love and forgiveness, of new hope and strength in God, to rekindle courage in the hearts of God's people. The prophet sings of a new kind of leadership, based on humility and gentleness. The prophet sings to tell us not to be afraid even in the face of death. These are comfortable words the whole world needs to hear afresh in this season. The Comfortable Words I want to explore today unfold a mystery which is at the centre of the universe: that Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, calls women and men into a relationship of love and entrusts us with a purpose for our lives and a mission to God's world.

To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/will-you-come-and-follow-me/>