

known to them, and reveal your peace and salvation to the nations.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

May the whole Church be guided and governed by your Holy Spirit,
let all who call themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and
hold the faith in the unity of Spirit.
Lord, hear us.
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We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are afflicted or
distressed, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and
grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit.
Lord, hear us.
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Father, give a place of life and rest to those who have died in your
peace, especially those who died in wartime in the service of their
country; may we share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who
died to save us all.
Lord, hear us.
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The Lord's Prayer

Words of dedication

Father in heaven, we praise your name for those named here who have
finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they rest. May
this memorial, erected in their honour one hundred years ago, continue
to be a constant reminder of all these things.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; he who believes in
me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in
me shall never die.

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the
world gives give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither
let them be afraid.

The Blessing

**St John the Evangelist
Wicken**

SERVICE OF REDEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

Saturday, 3rd October, 2020



**Officiant: The Revd. Arthur Hughes
Assisted by: Graham Brack (Reader)**

Opening Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remembrance

Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,
That all are human and all pay the price.
All life is dear and should be treated so;
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.
Protect, dear Lord, all who, on our behalf,
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.
May they find courage for each task they face
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.
Then, duty done and missions at an end,
Return them safe to family and friends.
Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;
Who died protecting us and this their land.
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.
With those who mourn support and comfort share.
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.
And some there be who no memorial have;
Who perished are as though they'd never been.
For our tomorrows their today they gave,
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

Charles Henrywood

Let us remember those who have died for their country in war and peace; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure, and all who lived and died in the service of their country and mankind.

*(The 24 names on the memorial are read, during
which wreaths are placed)*

Father, give a place of life and rest to those who have died in your peace, especially those who died in wartime in the service of their country. May we share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all.

All: May they rest in peace.

They shall grow not old, as we 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.

All: We will remember them.

The last post.
Two minutes' silence
The reveille

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

Honour Them

Honour them who may have woken
to know the battle's grim tomorrow;
yet equally whose youth was broken
by living death of pain and sorrow:
they shared the pulling down of blinds
on their own shattered limbs and minds.

Dr Ken Tout OBE (Northamptonshire Yeomanry)

Bible reading: Revelation 21:1-7

Address

Let us ask the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, to send the Spirit of his Son into our hearts as we pray for the needs of the Church and of the world.

O Lord, the creator and redeemer of all mankind, we humbly pray for all men of every race and in every kind of need: make your ways