



# St Paul's Egham Hythe Service of Remembrance November 2020

*Led by Revd Rosie Hoad*

*This year we are not able to gather together, but we join together from our homes in keeping silence and remembering those who gave their lives for us in war. The service is available on the St Paul's YouTube channel: St Paul's Egham Hythe*

**Music: Nimrod (from Elgar's Enigma Variations)** *played by Jamie Mark*

**Poem: In Flanders Field (John McCrae)** *read by Charles Crane*

**Minister:** We pray wherever we are 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.

A reading from Psalm 121:

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 121: 1-2*)

*St Paul's Music group lead us in singing this song as a prayer:*

Be still and know that I am God.  
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
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# 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.

**All: We will remember them.**

**Minister:** Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

## ***Last Post***

## ***2 minutes silence***

## ***Reveille***



*The Kohima Epitaph is said:*

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

**Minister:** 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.**

*The music group sing the hymn “Beauty for Brokenness” as the names are shown of those who gave their lives in World War I and World War 2.*

# LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

**Bible Reading: Micah 4: 1-4** *Read by Selwyn Boothe*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore;  
<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Our prayers are led by Mary Halls*

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.

**All: 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.

**All: God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger today, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace.

**All: God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war; may God give peace.

**All: God give peace.**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.

**All: 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.

**All: God give peace.**

**Minister:** 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; or you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen**

**All**            **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.**

## **RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT**

The act of commitment is made:  
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.**

**Minister:** 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.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

### **The National Anthem**

**Music: O God our help in Ages Past** *played by Jamie Mark*

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