




Remembrance Sunday

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Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's



Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022

We gather this Sunday to Remember the fallen, those who have given their lives in the service of their country and paid the greatest cost for the freedom and liberty we have this day. As we gather we do so not to glorify war or any senses of nationalistic pride that would divide nation against nation. We come to remember the great human cost of conflicts past and sadly too those lost in more recent conflicts and those who even today continue to battle on hoping for peace to come.

The sadness and loss of many lives even within modern day conflicts, such as Ukraine, reminds us again of humanities failure to learn lessons from our history. Is there another way? Often violence perpetuates violence and so a vicious cycle erupts causing more pain and grief as hurt parties seek retaliation.

However, one of the amazing things about Jesus is that although he has every right to bring the wrath of God down upon those who abuse and scar him he does not retaliate he breaks the cycle of violence and embraces the cross. Rather than curse those who cursed and crucified him he calls out to the Father and asks for God to forgive them, to forgive us! In the mystery of the cross of Christ, Jesus death enables all humanity to be forgiven and to be at peace with God. On accepting God's forgiveness he calls us to forgive and to lay down our desire for retribution towards those who have trespassed against us and instead to seek the ways of peace and reconciliation.

To love not hate, to care for one another, for the refugee, the orphan, the widow, regardless of colour or creed, gender, or nationality is the call of Christ to us all. So let us not give up hope in the power of love to overcome and continue to work for peace. Peace within our own families, peace in our neighbourhoods, peace in our land, peace in the world.

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord watches over our coming in and going out
The Lord is here and watches over us now and forevermore

(Psalm 121.)

Hymn

LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon His throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

A prayer of confession

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we have sinned.
in thought, word and deed
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do
Forgive us, and help us to live each day
in the ways of peace and love through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ
Amen

Reading of Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.' We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Hymn

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we raise our plea
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Where ever, Lord, your loved ones go,
Protect them by your guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by your might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by your watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And then shall rise with voices free
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke 21:5-19
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Some of Jesus' disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'

'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?' He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them.

When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.' Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me.

But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish.

Stand firm, and you will win life.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Hymn

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known:
alive and among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world,
the love that makes us one.

Offering: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.
Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens
and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.
Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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.
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.**

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come to the table and receive communion
or a blessing at this time*

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

Names of the fallen are read and the wreath is placed

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 is kept

Prayer

Living God; we remember those whom you
have gathered from the storm of war
into the eternal peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish peace among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The National Anthem

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.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

AN ACT OF 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

**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 our hearts
And live lives of justice and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church and all people, unity, peace and concord,
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all and remain with you now and always.

Amen

Hymn

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED,

The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ Amen

Do join with us for refreshments before you go

*This Liturgy is adapted from the Churches Together in Britain & Ireland
Remembrance Service and from the 1982 Scottish Episcopal Liturgy*



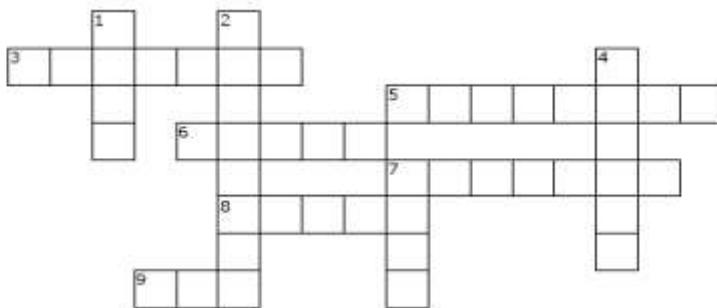
Welcome to our Ukrainian Family

The Raichev family arrived at Vicki and Richard's on Monday and are now settling into their new abode after spending the last few months in a hotel. They are from the Odessa Oblast (region around Odessa City) in south western Ukraine.

Tetania (Mum), Hennadii (Dad), Mykhailo (son) and Alina (daughter) are extremely grateful for the hospitality and welcome they have received and want to pass on their thanks to the members of our churches for our support to them at this difficult time of transition and the new beginning being offered to them through our generosity and love.

The Children are attending Kings Park Primary, while Mum and Dad are learning English and looking to find employment. Tetania's sister and her family have also made the journey from Ukraine and it is hoped that they too might be hosted locally.

In time it is our ambition to find suitable accommodation for the Raichev's family in Dalkeith and to continue to support them as they settle in as new members of our community. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.



ACROSS

3. Someone who fights when there is a war
5. Relating to the armed forces
6. A period free from war or violence
7. A day for celebration when many people stay home from work or school
8. To show no fear in times of danger
9. Fighting between two or more countries

DOWN

1. A piece of cloth with a special color and pattern used to represent a country
2. To keep something or someone in your memory
4. a large number of people marching, walking, or riding in vehicles, usually as part of a celebration
7. A person who performs bravely in battle

The Annual General Meetings

St Mary's AGM Monday 21st November 7pm

Preceded by a Chip Shop Supper at 6pm

Please sign up

and let us have your Chip Shop order by TODAY

Please also pick up your copy of our AGM Booklet containing the agenda, minutes of last meeting and reports for this past Year available at the Welcome Desk.

AGM
Annual General Meeting





Working with the local churches the Storehouses work touches many families and with an increase in demand due to the cost of living crisis asks you to consider supporting them with a donation as they prepare to help families with food parcels this year.

Pot noodles or similar easy to make meals

UHT Milk (blue box), Diluting juice

Tubs of hot chocolate — hot water mix

Bags of multi pack crisps

Cans of macaroni cheese, Cans of ravioli

Cans of custard, Cans of rice pudding

Multi pack Kit Kats, and other snacks bars

Selection Boxes or Boxes of Chocolates

Thank You for your generosity and love



Pet Food Bank

Tuesday 22nd November

St Mary's 10-12 Noon



Please do let friends and neighbours who may be struggling with Pet Food bills know that they are welcome to come along and enjoy the warm space of St Mary's, have a cuppa and collect some free food for their pets.



Messy Church

Saturday 26th November 4pm

Is it too early to mention Jesus birthday celebrations yet?

Our November Messy Church will help us get ready to celebrate the Birthday of the King of Kings. All our crafts will work together to remind us of the amazing story of Jesus birth and hopefully each of us will then to have our own Messy take home nativity set.

*Come along and join in the fun.
do let us know if your coming to help us plan the crafts and food*



St Leonard's 10am
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Wednesday Morning On-line Worship
10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

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Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.