

**Burbage Parish Council
&
Burbage Royal British Legion**

Remembrance Day Service



Burbage War Memorial

Sunday 10th November 2024

10.30 am

Officiating Minister:

The Rev. Andrew D Hall

Sung by the choir at the War Memorial whilst the procession is underway



Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
And ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

[Refrain]

Great Is Thy Faithfulness is a popular Christian hymn written by Thomas Chisholm with the music composed by William M. Runyan. The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23. These precise words can be found in both the King James Bible and the Revised Standard Version.

Sung by the choir as the procession arrives at the War Memorial



Hymn: I vow to thee my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

I vow to thee my country, 1918 version, credited "Words: Cecil Spring-Rice, 1918; Music: Thaxted"

The Gathering - 80 years on from D-Day.

On this Remembrance Sunday of 2024 we reflect upon the 80 years which have passed since the heroic brave actions of all those who took part in the D-Day landings of June 1944.

Operation Overlord, marked a critical turning point in World War II. The forces taking part included both local men from our community together with men



we had welcomed to our village from America for a few months in the lead up to the successful operation.



Very soon this brought the liberation of France and eventually other occupied countries. It provided a boost to the whole Allied morale significantly hastening the end of the war in Europe. Next year we will reflect upon the 80 years of relative peace which we treasure today.

We also remember the 10 years which have passed since British forces were withdrawn from operational deployment in Afghanistan. Following the '9/11' terrorist attacks in America, Britain deployed to Afghanistan, together with the USA and other allies, against those who had backed these terrorist actions. The war in Afghanistan spanned 13 years and cost the lives of over 450 British service personnel.

We remember them all.



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*The presiding minister reads
one or more of the following sentences*



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

Psalm 46.1

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

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The presiding minister continues

We meet 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.

Let us pray

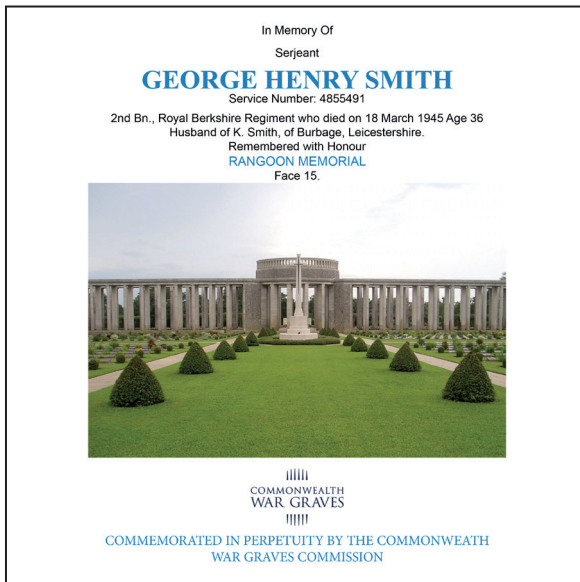
“Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father, the Shepherd of Souls, the Giver of Life Everlasting, those who have died in the service of our country and its cause.”

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.

All: Amen

Adding of a Soldier to the names of those who fell in WW2.

In this year of 2024 we add the name of a soldier who died in the Second World War. Sergeant George Henry Smith of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment. We formally unveil his name, proudly carried out by his daughter Ann Smith. George was born in Lincoln and before his death made a home, here in Burbage, with his wife Kathleen.



Hymn: Dear Lord and father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Dear Lord and father of Mankind is a hymn written by John Whittier 1807-92 The words of the hymn taken from a longer poem, "The Brewing of Soma" by American Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier. Sung to the tune "Repton" by Hubert Parry.





An 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, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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, our God.**

Amen

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





Hymn: O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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

'Our God, Our Help in Ages Past' was written by Isaac Watts in 1708, after he inspired by the 90th Psalm. 30 years later, in 1738, hymn writer John Wesley changed the 'our' to 'O' so the hymn became 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'. The tune the hymn is most commonly sung is known as 'St Anne' and was composed by William Croft in 1708.

Listening for the Word from God
The reader says



Hear these words from the New Testament.
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Matthew 5.1-12

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

Praying Together

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 this day,
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 or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
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.



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.



All Amen

All join together in the Lord's Prayer

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

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 may reply)

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will
remember them.

All We will remember them.

The Last Post

Two minute silence

The Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

Representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

Bagpiper Mr Rhys Fitter will play during the wreath laying

At the end of the laying of wreaths young people from the village will lay 96 named crosses each with a poppy as a symbol of our collective remembrance. Of those names, are 64 who were lost in the Great War of 1914-1919 and 32 who were lost in the Second World War, this year, these 32 names will be read aloud whilst the crosses are placed.

Cpl James F Allen

Pte Charles F Barnes

Drv Stanley Clarke

Drv Edward S B Colkin

Pte Dennis Comer

Pte Sidney C Comer

Capt Edward T Crump

Spr Victor C Davies

Gunr Harry Dobson

AB Horace Hadley

Sgt George Harrison

Pte Frank Holyoak

Sgt Frederick J Howarth

L/Cpl Frederick H Howkins

AB Percy Jarvis

Drv Leslie D Jones

Pte Richard J Kearns

Sqdn/Ldr Sidney E Kellaway

L/Cpl Harold Letts

AC Kenneth B Lockton

WO John Lord

AC Stanley R Lount

Pte Frank Moore

F/Lt George W Nickerson

Pte Francis Pritchard

Mr Sydney H Shaw

Sgt George H Smith

Lt Thomas F Smith

Tr Bert E Thatcher

Gunr Jeffery Tite

Fus Walter White

Cpl Douglas A Wood



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?

All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All 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 the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

All Amen

A Prayer of Commemoration

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

An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

***All* Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to
serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom; give us courage;
give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.**

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.

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 following blessing is used

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

The Parade Dismiss

We would like to thank Royal Spa Brass, Mr Rhys Fitter and Mr Alex Baldwin for their contributions to this year's service. Our thanks also go to the Cande Group, a Hinckley-based digital creative agency for providing the live video stream.



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