



Seven Towers Benefice

Twigworth incl. Longford, Down Hatherley, Norton,
The Leigh with Evington, Sandhurst, Staverton
with Boddington



Remembrance Day

¶ Preparation

The presiding Minister introduces and welcomes the congregation:

Minister: We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between 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.

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn

Prayers of Penitence

Minister: 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.

Kneel

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Minister: May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord: **Amen.**

Congregation gather round the war memorial.

¶ *The Act of Remembrance*

A wreath is laid at the war memorial.

Minister: Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war;

Offertory Prayer

Minister: 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 do we give you: Amen.

Prayer for Blessing

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep *our* hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among *us* and remain with *us* always: **Amen**

The National Anthem

Minister: Let us go in peace, to love and to serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ: Amen

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; for you are source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore: Amen.**

¶ *Conclusion*

Hymn (Collection is taken and brought to the Altar)

those from these Parishes whose names are recorded;
those who are buried in our churchyards;
those whose relatives live locally;
and any whom we knew, whose memory we treasure;
and with them we commemorate all who have lived and
died in the service of others.

The names of those on the Memorial are read out.

Reader: 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

The Last Post / Two Minutes Silence/ Reveille

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**

Congregation return to their seats.

¶ *Act of Commitment*

Minister: 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 mankind,
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 Collect for Remembrance

Minister: Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings and Reflections

Sit

*Prose & prayer recalling the fighting and sacrifices
during World War 1*

Bible reading: Isaiah 2. 2-4

At the end of the Reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God !**

Hymn

Affirmation of Faith in The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting: Amen

¶ *The Prayers*

Minister: Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

Kneel

The petition & reply will be used during the prayers:

Minister: Lord in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer**