

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

Remembrance Sunday

*A Service of Commemoration and Remembrance
for those who died in the two World Wars
and subsequent conflicts*



The Parish Mass with Act of Remembrance

Sunday 12th November 2023



Remembrance Display - notes

You may recall that for Battle of Britain Day this year (15th September 2023), two story boards were erected in the memorial chapel. One of these storyboards represented those military men of this parish that fell during the First World War, in this case the three Hall brothers. The other display board represented a Spitfire pilot who was actually shot down and lost over England on the 15th September 1940, on the date that became remembered as Battle of Britain day.

For this Remembrance Day, 11th November, which recalls the day the Armistice was called and the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918, at the end of the First World War, we have again raised two storyboards in the chapel, which I would encourage you to have a look at. One board represents the First World War, and in this case more pertinently represents the five Northamptonshire Regiment men of this parish who fell in the Battle for Aubers Ridge, on the 9th May 1915. In turn these parishioners represent the 986 men including 19 officers, of the Northamptonshire Regiment who became casualties that day; and they in turn but represent the 11,000 men of the British Army who fell at Aubers Ridge in France, during that short but hard fought battle.

The second display board in the chapel represents our parish losses during the Second World War. It also reminds us that amongst the 168 fallen from both world wars listed on the memorial chapel screens, that three of these amazing men were in fact De-Havilland Mosquito pilots.

Regardless of the arguments of wars past and present, from the list of those 168 men listed and remembered on our own St Matthew's Parish memorial chapel screens, the two storyboards presented this year for Remembrance Day, specifically include and remember:

From the First World War, the Northamptonshire men of the parish who fell at Aubers Ridge on the 9th May 1915: Private Percy Howlett, (1st Battalion), Private Alfred Payne, (2nd Bn), Pte Walter Tate, (1st Bn), Pte 'Ernest' Ward, (2nd Bn), A/Sgt George Wright, (2nd Bn).

From the Second World War, the three men of the parish who were Mosquito pilots: Flight Lieutenant Noel Russel, DFC and Bar, Flying Officer Wilson Ceybird, DFM, Warrant Officer Jack Beer.

The authors, as always, remember the St Matthew's Fallen with pride and humility, their bravery and fortitude, and that of their families past and present.

Martin and Lindsay Stone

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ Any notices are given before the service

Introit et Kyrie

<i>Choir</i>	Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. <i>Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.</i>	<i>Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou who hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.</i>
	Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Music by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
Grace, mercy and peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

Introduction

We meet in the presence of God to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. And 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.

Prayers of Penitence

In life and in death we are with the Lord.
Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy,
and ask that he will forgive us our sins,
and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Silence is kept

Confession

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

God, the Father of all mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
not counting our trespasses against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love for us.
By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church,
receive his † pardon and peace,
to stand before him in his strength alone,
this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

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.

All

Amen.

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.6-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Response



Choir

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas. **Response**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.* **Response**

Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.* **Response**

Psalm 46

§ Stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation

1. Choir only
2. Choir and Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.


Jesus said, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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All

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25.1-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

All

¶ Act of Remembrance

§ *Please stand as the procession moves off, and turn to face the Memorial Chapel*

Let us remember before God and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

§ *The folders containing the names and service records of The Fallen are placed on the Chapel altar*

ROLL OF HONOUR

The First World War

Alfred G T Arnold, Pte, Nptons, Aged 20

John Atkinson, Pte, East Surrey Regt, Aged 33

Alfred G Barnfield, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

Ralph Bazeley, LCpl, Seaforth Highlanders, Aged 24

Norman S G Beale, 2Lt, Nptons, Aged 21

William E Bellamy, Cpl, MGC(Inf) Regt, Aged 21

Arthur A Billingham, Sjt, Suffolk Regt, Aged 30

Rowland B Bishop, Capt, **MiD**, Nptons, Aged 26

Charles Blundell, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 25

Albert B Boston, Pte, Nptons, Aged 32 *(1914/15 used alias Arthur Boston)*

Percy J Boyes, Sapper, RE, Aged 31

Alfred Britten, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 37

Andrew C Byles, Pte, RAMC, Aged 25

Sydney B Carvell, AB, RN, Aged 20

Frank Caswell, Rfn, Rifle Brigade, Aged 25

Alfred Chatfield, Pte, Queens Own Hussars Regt, Aged 21

E Alfred Cheshire, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 21

Donald K Cooper, LCpl and 2Lt, Hants Regt and Nptons, Aged 22

Russell C W Dale, LCpl, Grenadier Guards, Aged 27

Arthur T Day, Pte, Nptons, Aged 24

George Denton, Pte, Northumberland Fusiliers Regt, Aged 32

Albert F Dunkley, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 21

Clarence A Eyden, Cpl, Railway Transport, RE, Aged 27

Percy J Falkner, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

George A Faulkner, Pte, Lincs plus Notts&Derby Regt, Aged 18

William Faulkner, Gnr, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 31

Harold E Fitness, Gnr, Honourable Artillery Co, Aged 31

William E Fitzhugh, attested as Ernest, Gnr, RGA, Aged 24

Arthur J Garner, Pioneer, RE, Aged 25

Ernest Goddard, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

Charles E Goodman, Pte, Ox&Bucks LI Regt, Aged 24

William Graves, Pte, Nptons, Aged 30

Harry (Henry) T Gurnham, Sjt, E.Surrey Regt, Aged 23 *(brother W G Gurnham)*

William G Gurnham, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 25 *(brother H T Gurnham)*

Harry Harris, Pte, Nptons and Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 24

Harry H Hall, 2Lt, Cambs Regt and Notts&Derby Regt, Aged 32 }

Percy F Hall, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 19 *(Three of five brothers fell)* }

William D Hall, Pte, Hampshire Regt, Aged 28 }

John D Haviland, Lt, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 34

Frank A Heap, Pte, Nptons, Aged 18 (*brother F W Heap*) }

Frederick W Heap, 2Lt, DLI Regt, Aged 31 (*brother F A Heap*) }

Albert J Herbert, Pte, Nptons, Aged 20

Harry T Holmes, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 22

Cyril B Hornby, 2Lt, Kings Shropshire LI Regt, Aged 24

Percy Howlett, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

Archibald J Hughes, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 19

Francis H Hundley, Sjt, Nptons and Labour Corps, Aged 25

Edward J Howes, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 42

Frank Jeffs, Pte, East Kent (The Buffs) Regt, Aged 30

Alfred F Johnson, Pte, Kings Shropshire LI Regt, Aged 20

James F Johnson, A/Sjt, Nptons, Aged 22

Henry Jones, Sjt, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 36

Tom Jones, Gnr, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 34

Charles Kendall, Staff Sjt, Army Ordnance Corps, Aged 51 }

Herbert E C Kendall, Lance Sjt, Nptons, Aged 23 (*son of C Kendall*) }

John W King, Royal Marine LI RN (Div), Pte, Plymouth Bn, Aged 20

William G Labrum, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 19

Albert E Langton, Pte, Royal Welsh Fusiliers Regt, Aged 29

Arthur E Law, Pte, Nptons, Aged 19

Cecil Letts, LCpl, Nptons, Aged 21

Lorenzo W Lilford, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

Alfred E Lovell, Pte, Nptons plus Yorks. Regt, Aged 20

Arthur H Lowe, Sapper, RE, Aged 33

Ernest Mace, 2Lt previously Cpl, Nptons, Aged 23

Albert E Mackley, Pte, Nptons, Aged 25

Harry Marlow, Pte, Middlesex Regt, Aged 34

Bertram Mason, AB, RN(Div), Anson Bn, Aged 19

Richard McDowell, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 38
Christopher Miller, Pte, Nptons, Aged 27
Francis Miller, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 28
Bertie D Mills, Cpl, Beds Regt, Aged 21
Alaric C Moss, Pte, Royal Navy and 85th Bn Canadian Inf, Aged 19
Jesse H Moss, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 27 (*brother of A C Moss*)
William H Moules, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 35
George E Nash, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 28
George Newcombe, Pte, Nptons, Aged 24
William A Osborn, Pte, Middlesex Regt, Aged 28
Reginald W S Packer, Lt QM, previously Cpl, RF & MGC, Aged 27
Joseph G Page, LS, RN, Aged 24
William Page, Pte, Royal Scots, Aged 27
Charles S Palmer, Gnr, RGA, Aged 32
Alfred W Payne, Pte, Nptons, Aged 23
William R Peach, Pte, Cheshire Regt, Aged 18
Bevan W Pitt, 2Lt, previously Pte, RFC, Aged 19
Sidney Henry James Redley, Pte, 1st L.Gds, Aged 23 (*Mil listed as Henry*)
William J Richardson, Cpl, Norfolk Regt, Aged 41
Frank Robinson, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
Ralph Robinson, Flight Sub-Lt, RN serving with 206 Sqn RAF, Aged 19
William T Robinson, L/Stoker, RN, Aged 24
Arthur Rodwell, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 20
Alexander Ross, Sgt, Royal Fusiliers, Aged 23 (*brother of R Ross*)
Ralph Ross, Pte, Manchester Regt, Aged 19 (*brother of A Ross*)
Bertram G Rowley, S/Lt (Obs), RNAS, Aged 31
Herbert S Sargent, Pte, Nptons, Aged 25
Leonard W Saunders, Sapper, RE, Aged 29

John W Shaw, 2Lt, **MC**, previously CSM, Kings Royal Rifle Corps, Aged 38
Walter Spring, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 25
Charles Smith, Pte, Northumberland Fusiliers, Aged 19
Frederick J Smith, Stoker 1st Class, RN, Aged 25
William H Smith, Boy Telegraphist, RN, Aged 17
William R L Smith, Sapper, RE, Aged 19
William Sturgess, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 18
Alfred Stevenson, Pte, DCLI Regt, Aged 34
Alfred G Swan (corrected) **MM**, A/Sjt, Nptons and Royal Eng, Aged 26
Herbert J Tarry, Pte, 1st Res Cavalry Regt, Aged 22
Walter Tate, Pte, Nptons, Aged 29
Ralph P Taylor, 2Lt, Nptons, Aged 20
Arthur B Tebbutt, Lt, previously Sjt, Nptons and Norfolk Regt, Aged 24
Charles F Tolliday, LCpl, London (London Scottish) Regt, Aged 26
George H Tompkins, Cpl, Ox & Bucks LI Regt, Aged 35
James Tong, Pte, 15th Bn Canadian Inf, Aged 30
Sydney G Treadgold, Pte, Nptons, Aged 19
Walter E Ward (attested), Ernest (baptised), Pte, Nptons, Aged 23
Albert E W Wardell, A/Mech 2nd Cl, RAF, Aged 20
William H Waters, A/Bdr, RA, Aged 19
James W Watson, Pte, London Regt, Aged 20
Thomas G West, Leading Seaman, RN, Aged 28
Ralph W Westley, Trooper, 1st Life Guards, Aged 21
Fred Wills, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 17
William T White, Pte, Norfolk Regt, Aged 37
Percy J White, Stoker 1st Class, RN, Aged 23
Rand E J Walden, 2Lt, Lancs Fusiliers, Regt, Aged 35
Frank P Wiggins, CQSM, Nptons, Aged 34

George Wright, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 32

Charles J Wykes, Pte, Loyal N. Lancs Regt, Aged 33

Arthur W Yorke, Pte, Npton Yeomanry, Aged 22.

Not listed on the screen although recorded within the parish:

Joseph Allen, Pte, 2Bn Nptons

Alfred B Bodily, RNVR and RND Drake Bn

Cyril Webster, L/Cpl, Npton Yeomanry and then Labour Corps.

The Second World War

Ernest A Allen, F/Sgt, 205 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 21

Ernest L Armer, Pte, 5th Bn Nptons, Aged 27

Clifford G Baldwin, Pte, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Aged 33

Cyril R Barber, Gnr, 397 Bty 121 LAA Regt, Royal Artillery, Aged 33

Cyril T Barrett, Dvr, 1678 Artillery Platoon RASC, Aged 40

Jack Barringer, L.Tel., HMLCH 185 RN, Aged 29 (*brother George also fell*)

Jack A Beer, W/O Pilot, 464 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 22

Frederick T Bennett, Tpr, B Sqdn 44th Tank Rgt, RAC, Aged 27

Wilson Ceybird, F/O, **DFM**, 143 Sqdn RAFVR, Aged 24

Donald S Cleaver, Cpl, 15 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 36

Wilfred G Clifton, Gnr, 51 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 22

Sidney J Dodd, L/Bdr, 139 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 22

Philip H Douglas, Officer Cadet, Royal Engineers, Aged 23

Arthur E Earl, LAC, RAFVR, Aged 26

Thomas W Farmer, Sgt Nav, 550 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 32

George E Flinn, Stwd, HMS Hurworth RN, Aged 32

Albert D Garley, Sgt, Royal Army Medical Corps, Aged 25

Silas A Greenfield, Pte, I Base Supply Depot RASC, Aged 20

Percy A Harrison, Sgt Pilot, RAF, Aged 22
 Arnold Hillson, Spr, 54 Field Coy Royal Engineers, Aged 21
 Albert J Hussey, L/Cpl, 8th Bn Royal Fusiliers, Aged 23
 William M Jackson, Lt, 2nd Northants Yeomanry RAC, Aged 33
 John S Jones, Gnr, 22 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 20
 Tom Jones, Gnr, 443 Bty, 64 Searchlight Regt 1/6th Essex, Aged 26
 Sidney Knight, Sgt W.Op.& Air Gunner, 12 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 22
 Gerald A Langley, P/O Pilot, 41 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 24
 Reginald W Law, Cpl, 1st Bn Nptons, Aged 25
 Keith A Laxton, P/O, 107 Sqdn RAF, Aged 21
 John D Marshall, Pte, Seaforth Highlanders, Aged 27
 John J Reeve, Pte, 4th Bn Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, Aged 31
 Albert E Roberts, LCpl, Royal Army Service Corps, Aged 25
 Frank Rogers, Sgt, Yorks Hussars. Royal Armoured Corps, Aged 38
 Dennis J Rushton, Sgt, 218 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 20
 Noel Russell, FILt, **DFC & Bar**, Instructor RAFVR, Aged 24
 Ronald A Sabell, Sgt Air Gunner, 106 Sqdn, RAF, Aged 24
 Reginald Smith, Mne, No41 Cdo Royal Marines, Aged 20
 Reginald T Smith, Spr, Royal Engineers, Aged 25
 Herbert A Tyrrell, Lt, 80Lt AA Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 28
 N Vials, believed to be Gordon Nigel, regt affiliation unknown, Aged 19 }
 Stephen Vials, Sgt, 221 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 26 (*brother of Gordon Nigel*) }
 J W Wykes believed to be James W Wilkes, Spr, Royal Engs, Aged 21.

Not listed on the screen although recorded within the parish:

Clifford Keith Morton, Flt Sgt, 619 Sqdn, RAF, Aged 22.

§ *The Vicar lays a wreath on behalf of the Parish*

From 'For the Fallen'

(Robert) Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

From the ambo: an older person

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A young person

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

All **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille

Commemoration

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,
that we, being faithful till death,
may receive with them the crown of life that never fades,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Anthem

§ *The procession returns to the dais*

Choir 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.

For the Fallen
Music George Guest (1924-2002)

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest In peace let us pray to Almighty God for all who suffer as a result of war.

Intercessor Where there is war and conflict, we pray for peace and security; where there is injustice and oppression, we pray for justice and freedom; where there is hatred and distrust, we pray for harmony and understanding.

Let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.**

We pray for world leaders and all who exercise influence over others, that they may act wisely and justly and seek the common good; for the United Nations and all international organizations working for justice and peace, that they may be strengthened and upheld by your presence.

Let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.**

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war, in body, mind or spirit; for all who have lost their homes and possessions; for those who are hungry; and for all who have lost their livelihood and security; for those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief.

Let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.**

We pray for all who have died in war; those who have taken up arms; those caught up in conflicts in any way; and all innocent victims of war and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.**

Priest Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your eternal kingdom;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations in our day,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

All The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

Hymn

All **For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.**

Words Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Music Alleluia dulce carmen
Harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts of bread and wine,
receive our brothers and sisters into the glory of your Son,
and grant them peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.
In him you seek the lost,
restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart.
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Choir Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis. Sanctus.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Holy.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The next measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The fourth measure consists of a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fifth measure has a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3. The sixth measure contains a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The seventh measure has a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The eighth measure consists of a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The ninth measure has a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The piece concludes with a double bar line. Dynamics markings include *mf* above the first measure, *cresc.* above the fifth measure, and *f* above the ninth measure.

Dy-ing you de-stroyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life: Lord Jes- us, come in glo-ry.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup.
Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters
and all who have left this world in your friendship.
In the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
of Matthew and all the saints,
may we with them praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ *Kneel*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray that the Kingdom of God may be clearly seen among us:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats this bread, they will live for ever.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

The choir sing ...

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant unto them eternal rest.*

May light eternal shine upon them, Lord,
with your saints for eternity, for you are merciful.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

All **Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

Giving of Communion

Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

*Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches
are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet
with you as a sign.*

Motet

Choir So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth,
and received praise that will never die,
and a home in the minds of men.
Their story lives on without visible symbol,
woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

*Words: from the Pericles' Funeral Oration, Athens, 431 B.C.
Music: Peter Aston (b.1938)*

Hymn

All

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
Make my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.**

Words Thomas B Pollock (1836-1896)

*Music Pastor Pastorum
F Silcher (1789-1860)*

Spiritual Communion – *for those watching at home*

Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Please stand*

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

All Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for his is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
All the almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

Words Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
translated Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878),
Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) and others

Music Lobe den herren

Commitment

Let us commit ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity:
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!**

Melody from *Thesaurus Musicus* (c. 1743)
arranged by Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

**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!**

Author Unknown (c. 1745)

Sending Out

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and to all people, peace and concord,
and to us and all his servants life everlasting;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on "Saint Anne" Charles Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

The procession departs

Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary

Refreshments are being served in the parish centre, please do join us

If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.

Collection – responding to God’s generosity

We invite you to make a monetary offering towards the ministry and mission of St Matthew’s Church. You may do so using any of the following methods:

Cash, cheques, stewardship envelopes - using the receptacle provided at the back of church. If you are a taxpayer please use the envelopes in the chairs, and fill out the details in order that our parish may also benefit from the Gift Aid (an extra 25p for every pound given) associated with your giving.

Contactless giving - using the terminal provided. Just press the button for the amount you wish to give - £5, £10, or £20, and then hold your bank card over the reader.

Giving on your smart phone - using the QR code printed below. It gives you the option of any amount, Gift Aid, and making a regular payment.

Giving online - click the donate button on the parish website or Facebook page and follow the instructions.

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



Our thanks are due to Dave Wilson
who has generously financed the production
of this week’s service booklet in
Remembrance of George Wright & The Kingsley Fallen.

**Please take this booklet home
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,
and then re-cycle it.**

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