

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November 2022



LIVE ON

TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING



*“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.”*

St Michael’s Church, Cumnor
Cumnor United Reformed Church



Welcome to Cumnor's Remembrance Day Service held jointly by the Parish Church and Cumnor United Reformed Church.

The service is led by the Revd Jonathan Widdess, and the Revd Nigel Appleton, who will be preaching.

We begin the service at the War Memorial and then, after the two minutes' silence, move into St Michael's Church.

The collection from today's service will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Please join in with the text printed in bold type.



**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.**

Remain standing.

The Blessing

May God the Creator
bring peace to the earth.

May Jesus, who blessed the peacemakers,
bless us with his grace.

May the Holy Spirit
comfort our sorrows and strengthen us with joy.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and all those you love, and remain
with you always.

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

Please remain standing until the processions have left.

Please join us for refreshments in the Old School after the Service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

At the War Memorial

The minister welcomes the congregation introduces the service and invites everyone to come to St Michael's for the remainder of the service.

The Minister says: Let the wreaths be laid.

Wreaths are laid by a representative of the Churches and the Royal British Legion, the young people's Uniformed Organisations, Cumnor CE School, and Cumnor Parish Council.

During the laying of the wreaths the names of those who fell in the two World Wars will be read out.

Sentences of Scripture and prayers may be used, ending with:

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.

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We will remember them.

The Last Post is played.

The two minutes' silence follows.

The Reveille is sounded.

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 Ministers and Choir lead the congregation back to St Michael's Church.

Please remain standing on entering the Church as the colours and standards are brought in.

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

During the next hymn the standards and colours are received.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

We say together:

Lord God, our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people, 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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

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 prayers may end with:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand to sing the following hymn during which the standards and colours are returned.

**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 question, 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**

Act of Commitment

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

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
We will.

**O VALIANT HEARTS, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.**

**Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.**

**Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.**

**Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.**

**O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.**

Video - The Fabric That Binds Us

Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Luke 21:5-19

After each reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Nigel Appleton

**O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.**

**Beneath 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,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while troubles last,
and our eternal Home!**

Prayers of Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; the pride, the selfishness, the greed; the 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 all his children.

A short pause for silent confession.

**Most merciful God,
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;
through Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for peace and justice in the world, and for all who suffer as a result of war.

This response may be used:
Lord, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.