



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Remembrance Sunday Service of the Word

09 November 2025

Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen



Welcome to our service this morning.

The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide and from our [website](#).

You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

WELCOME

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.

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (SOF 415)

*1. O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.*

3. *Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

4. *A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

5. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

6. *O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may follow.

**Loving Lord, fill us with your new life
and with the joy and peace of your presence.
May we praise you now with our lips
and make room in our hearts for you. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Please be seated.

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.

**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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

FIRST READING: ROMANS 8. 31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: PSALM 90

Please say the words in bold:

*1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.*

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

*3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'*

**4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

*5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;*

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

in the evening it fades and withers.

*7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.*

**8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;

our years come to an end like a sigh.

**10 The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;**

they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 *Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is
due to you.*

**12 *So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.***

13 *Turn, O Lord! How long?*

Have compassion on your servants!

**14 *Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.***

15 *Make us glad for as many days as you
have afflicted us,*

*and for as many years as we have seen
evil.*

**16 *Let your work be manifest to your
servants,***

***and your glorious power to their
children.***

17 *Let the favour of the Lord our God be
upon us,*

*and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!*

We say together:

***Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be forever.
Amen.***

HYMN: A NEW COMMANDMENT (SOF 22)

*A NEW COMMANDMENT
I give unto you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.*

*By this shall all men know
That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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That you are My disciples,
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We sit for our second reading:

SECOND READING: JOHN 15. 9-17

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

***For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.***

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We remain standing.

REMEMBERING

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 beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the silence is signalled.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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,

All

each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

THE PEACE

Please stand.

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY (SOF 1404)

During which an offering is collected:

*KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.*

Ref:

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.*

*In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

*Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.*

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.**

OUR NOTICES

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

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

All Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will.

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

THE SENDING OUT

We sing our Final Hymn:

FINAL HYMN: O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED (SOF 418)

*1. O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,*

*Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.*

*2. O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,*

*The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.*

*3. O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.*

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised

*To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servants be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.*

*5. O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.*

THE BLESSING

The blessing:

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the State 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.
Amen.

The dismissal:

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

You are invited to refreshments following the service, please stay for a chat and if we can be of help in any way, please speak to the clergy or to a member of the welcome team. You may also contact our chaplain at the following email address: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com.



CHURCH NOTICES

Praise and Prayer evenings

Please put in your diaries one further date when we come together to praise God for his goodness and pray for our life as St Luke's and for God's world: Friday 28th November at 7:30pm at the home of Christopher and Marie-Céline, 31 rue Madame Müller, 77210 Avon.

Men's Breakfast

The next two Men's Breakfasts will be held on Saturday 8th November and Saturday 13th December.

If you intend to come, please drop Donald an email (chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com) so that we can organise the catering appropriately. Many thanks.

Return to Saint-Aspais

Unfortunately the works at Saint-Aspais are not complete yet and the earliest date for our return to Fontainebleau is now Dec 7th.

Reading the Bible

Following on from our celebration of Bible Sunday, and as some of you are aware, we have a group of New Daylight Bible Reading Fellowship readers in St Luke's who subscribe annually to receive a set of quarterly notes at a cost of approx 30€ per year. These help you develop a 'holy habit' of reading a little part of the Bible each day, with the help of gifted teachers who introduce you to one of its books, and whose commentary helps you understand it better.

As the blurb says, 'New Daylight provides four months of daily Bible readings and comment, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds. It is ideal for anybody wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of scripture.'

If you'd like to join the group receiving New Daylight, please contact Annabel Pouget: abelpouget@aol.com and she would be happy to add your name to the order for the year starting January 2026.



Bishop's Advent Appeal

Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital, Gaza



"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:17-18 (NRSV)

The headlines may be fading, but the suffering in Gaza is far from over. Months of devastation have left entire communities struggling. The impact of conflict lingers long after the fighting stops. Disease spreads rapidly, food and clean water remain scarce. At the time of writing, 68,280 people have been killed in Gaza, the vast majority of whom are civilian women and children, and the toll of wounded stands at 170,375.



Despite overwhelming challenges, the medical team at Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza is doing everything in their power to care for the injured and sick. They face impossible odds: shortages of medicine and essential supplies, dwindling fuel reserves for life-saving equipment, and an ever-growing number of patients in desperate need.

At Al-Ahli Hospital, doctors and nurses have treated over 190,000 outpatients and performed more than 6,000 surgeries in the past year alone. The demand is relentless. The injuries they see of burns, broken bones and shrapnel wounds are devastating.

Beyond emergency treatment, Al-Ahli hospital offers long-term rehabilitation, mental health support, and essential community care. Many of those injured will face lifelong disabilities, requiring physiotherapy, pain management, and counselling. Without urgent funding, these critical services could be lost.

This Advent, I am asking you to support the work of one of our partners in the Gospel, USPG, whose partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem gives us the opportunity to sustain this vital hospital, ensuring that it remains open and equipped to serve those who need it most, not only in moments of immediate crisis but in the long, difficult years of recovery that follow.

It looks – for now – that there is a fragile semi-peace. It is to be hoped that this not only lasts but spreads and deepens, and that rebuilding can begin. Your gift today will help keep the hospital open and equipped to provide urgent medical aid, long-term rehabilitation, and dignity to those in crisis.

"Every donation and every prayer are an act of love. It is a message to families in Gaza that they are not forgotten," says Sawson Aranki-Batato, Programme Development Officer, Diocese of Jerusalem.

I commend to you these resources for prayer as I ask you to give generously to this Appeal (details below).

[Prayers for peace in the Middle East — Embrace the Middle East](#)

[How to pray for Gaza and Israel - Tearfund](#)

[Pray for Peace in Israel and Gaza - 24-7 Prayer International](#)

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,
May your justice dwell in the land
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust forever
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.
Amen.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Robert Gibraltar in Europe



How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Advent Appeal 2025:

Via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office:

By bank transfer:

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Diocese in Europe Board of Finance

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(Please add the words "Advent Appeal 2025" to any note you send with the cheque)

On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>
(please add "2025 Advent Appeal" in the *Message from Donor* column)

GIVING TO SAINT-LUKE'S

The Anglican Church of St. Luke's Fontainebleau is 100% self-funded and our ministry depends on God's faithfulness and the faithful giving of time, talents, and money from our congregation as we seek to serve Jesus Christ through welcome, worship, and witness.

GIVING TO ST LUKE'S CAN BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

1. Regular monthly giving by bank transfer. This is by far the easiest and most efficient way to provide regular financial support to St Luke's (bank details at the bottom of page).
2. Occasional or one-off donations via Bank Transfer.
3. Regular or occasional giving by cheque: either by sending a cheque made payable to "*Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau*" to the Treasurer or simply placing a cheque in the collection basket during the service.
4. Cash offerings in the collection basket in the service (Euros preferably !). Please consider replacing any giving that you would have made in cash with a cheque or an online donation during the period of suspension of physical services.

** All information concerning giving and donations is private and treated as confidential **

** Standing orders for regular giving by bank transfer can be amended or cancelled at any time **

TAX CERTIFICATES

If you are a French taxpayer, you will receive an annual 'tax certificate' for your giving online, by bank transfer or cheque which will allow you to claim a reduction on your tax (*)

**up to a limit for all your charitable giving of 20% of your taxable income*

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

					
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