



Remembrance Sunday

9th November 2025



A service for worshipping and remembering

Welcome to this service of worship. If you're able to, please join in with the words in **bold**. If you are here with children please don't worry if they make a little noise. We have a children's corner with toys and books they are welcome to use under parent supervision.

Today on Remembrance Sunday we come to worship God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). During this service we'll explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of

war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting¹. We will keep a two minute silence at 11 O'clock.

Opening hymn: O God our help in ages past

Please stand as able at the entrance of the ministers and uniformed groups as we sing number 537 in Common Praise.

We remain standing as able and join in these responses;

One: In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Welcome to St Hilda's to this service of worship.

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.

One: From the darkness of death

Many: God calls us into glorious light

One: From the tumult of war,

Many: God calls us into the beauty of peace

¹ <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons/all>

One: Children of light
Many: We will remember them

Girl Guiding Flags

We sit a we listen to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and their leaders tell us about their flags and what they mean.

After each flag is explained it is laid down across the steps and we remain seated to sing

Jesus, we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love you.

Reading: Ephesians 2:12b-22 (CEV)

We remain seated as we listen to the reading.

You were living in this world without hope and without God, ¹³ and you were far from God. But Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God.

¹⁴ Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body ¹⁵ to destroy the Law of Moses with all its rules and commands. He even brought Jews and Gentiles together as though we were only one person, when he united us in peace. ¹⁶ On the cross Christ did away with our hatred for each other. He also made peace between us and God by uniting Jews and Gentiles in one body. ¹⁷ Christ came and preached peace to you Gentiles, who were far from God, and peace to us Jews, who were

near God. ¹⁸ And because of Christ, all of us can come to the Father by the same Spirit.

¹⁹ You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens with everyone else who belongs to the family of God. ²⁰ You are like a building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone. ²¹ Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. ²² And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live.

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Reflection

We sit and listen as we hear from Jenni.

Litany and Lament/ Confession

We remain seated or kneel as we join in these words of confession:

After each response you are invited to gently beat your chest 3 times as a sign of sorrow and repentance.

One: God of love

we come to you, troubled and confused,

in the face of so much conflict in the world.

We lament the presence of injustice and the horror of war.

Many: We cry to you, O God
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: Our hearts are heavy for the suffering of so many
innocent people
and we lament the loss of life.

Many: We cry to you, O God
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: We are deeply saddened by scenes of devastation
and violence
and we lament acts of hatred and inhumanity.

Many: We cry to you, O God
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: We feel so helpless,
our prayers for peace seem so weak.
We lament our feeble faith in your promise of a
new creation.

Many: We cry to you, O God
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: God of compassion and mercy
we turn to you to save us
and ask for your forgiveness.

**Many: Holy God,
look with mercy on your world;
forgive us;
for we have all fallen short of your glory.
Lord have mercy.**
(we beat our chest 3 times)

The minister assures us of God's forgiveness with these words;

One: May the God of love and power
 forgive you and free you from your sins,
 heal and strengthen you by the Spirit
 and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen

Hymn: We shall make peace

We stand as able to sing. During the hymn wreaths will be laid on the steps leading up to the altar.

We shall make peace, obedient to God's Spirit,
We shall make peace, because the world is wrong:
Wrong, when each injury is left to fester;
Wrong, when the weeds of blame grow in the sun.
We'll plant our loving hearts in fields of hatred,
Nurture forgiveness to withstand the storm.

We shall seek faith, to strengthen the uncertain;
We shall learn truth, to tell in face of lies:
When all is dark, and hope has been forgotten,
We'll trust in God, and strike a spark of light:
To downcast hearts, the arm around the shoulder,
To wandering souls, the welcome in the night.

For so our Lord loved those who'd not yet loved him;
For so our Lord was open to the end.
He taught us pardon, so that we might serve him;
Taught us to serve him, that we might ascend:

We face down death, as those who stand for healing;
We rise, redeemed, as servants of our Friend.

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They Shall Not Grow Old

Please stand as able.

An older person says:

‘They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.’

A younger person says:

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

Many: We will remember them.

*The last post is played, followed by two minutes of silence.
The silence is ended when Rouse is played.*

Then we are led in this prayer:

One: Ever-living God,
today we remember those
whom you have gathered
from the noise and storm of war
into the peace of your presence.

May that same Spirit of peace
fall on us and all who we remember this day,
particularly those whose remembering
brings back memories
of personal loss and tragedy.

Grant us your peace,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony
amongst all nations and races,
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A story of hope

We sit to hear from Diane.

A flag of peace, candles as lights of hope.

We are now invited to respond in several ways. You can do all of them, one of them or none of them, whatever you will find helpful.

In the St Katherine chapel we are invited to imprint our hands on a St Hildas flag as a sign of our commitment to peace.

By the piano we are invited to light a candle for somewhere in the world we are longing to see peace. In the porch we are invited to light a candle in front of the WW1 memorial, remembering the lives of those who were lost. In the remembrance corner you are invited to light a candle for anyone else.

We return together to pray.

Prayers

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. At the end of each bidding we sing;

***Many: Christ our peace
you break down the walls that divide us
Christ our peace
Come make us one body with you.***

***One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or
language comes most naturally;***

***Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

***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.
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.***

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

Final Hymn: Let there be peace on earth

We stand as able for our final hymn. During the hymn the flags are returned and the ministers and uniformed groups process towards the back of the church. We turn to face the door.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me,
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.

With earth as our mother,
We are family,
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow –
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

We remain standing to say these words together facing the door as an act of commitment as we go into the week;

**Many: We will go
with minds that never forget,**

with hearts that grow in hope,
with lives that shine Christ's light.

We will go to serve,
to reconcile,
to bring peace
and to stand united
as children of the light.

We receive these final words of blessing;

One: And may the blessing of God, Life-giver, pain-bearer, peace-maker, go with you all this day and every day.

Many: Amen

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Many: In the name of Christ, thanks be to God.

Please stay for tea, coffee and biscuits, served in the porch area.

There will be a retiring collection for the mission and ministry of the church is taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader in the porch. Thank you for your donations, they enable us to stay open..

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 12 th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th November 10:30am:	Holy Communion, St Hilda Day
Wednesday 19 th November 10am:	Holy Communion, St Hilda Day
Sunday 23 rd November 10:30am:	Holy Communion

PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and computer literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

We have a full programme of concerts by students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, with lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm on the second Friday of the month, and evening concerts at 7.30pm mostly on the fourth Saturday of the month.

The programme this quarter is;

Friday 14th November 13.00, Mimi Raleigh, pianist

Saturday 29th November 19.30, String Quartet

Friday 12th December 13.00 Brass Quartet

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations for church funds are welcome. Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

ECO LIFESTYLE TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, for example the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators, and Creation Care www.creationcare.org.uk, offers a specific resource for households giving ideas and helping you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering. Do let the Eco Group know if you do an audit!

CHURCH CLEAN, SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10am till 1pm

All who can offer some time to help with the Autumn church clean are invited to come for an hour, two or the whole three.

Refreshments will be provided!

SUITCASE NEEDED

Do you have a suitcase that you no longer need and could donate to a local family who have recently received leave to remain? Please speak to Jenni if you do.

AD:VENTURE RUN – SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 08:30AM

CofE Birmingham are excited to announce Ad:venture 2025 – a unique run between Birmingham Cathedral and Worcester Cathedral. The route is just over 30 miles, but whether you'd like to run the whole distance or join for 5km, 10km or a half marathon, we'd love for you or anyone in your parish to take part. We'll be raising funds for the Diocese's mission partners in Malawi and taking on a shared journey that captures the spirit of adventure as we prepare for Advent together.

Our vicar Jenni will be running the full distance. Speak to her if you'd like to join.

Gift & Book Swap – Sunday 16th November

After the service next week, we're inviting everyone to take part in a Gift and Book Swap.

As we approach Christmas, this is a great opportunity to:

- Share joy by passing on items you've loved but no longer need
- Save money during a season that can be expensive
- Care for the environment by reusing and reducing waste

Please bring good condition books and gifts (no electrical items, please). You might find the perfect read or a thoughtful present for someone special!

Toy Swap – Friday 21st November at 11:15am

We're teaming up with the Parakeet Play Group to host a Toy Swap in the church hall—and everyone is welcome!

This is a great chance to:

- Refresh your toy collection before Christmas
- Share toys your children have outgrown
- Support a more sustainable and community-minded way of giving

If you can't attend but would like to donate, please bring near-new condition children's toys to church on Sunday 16th November (no electrical items, please). Leftover toys will be donated to Bearwood Community Hub, helping even more families in our area.

Parish Environmental Policy

As part of our commitment to caring for God's creation, the PCC have adopted an Environmental Policy. This outlines how we aim to reduce our environmental impact and encourage sustainable practices in our church life and community.

You can read the full policy on our website: <https://bit.ly/3LzNmrX>

We invite everyone to take a look and consider how we can work together to be good stewards of the earth.

This week please pray for;

- The family and friends of Janet, Dave and Dot and their funerals take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Jenni as she lead a workshop with The Feast at Bristnall Hall school.
- Jenni as she offer chaplaincy at Cygnet hospital on Wednesday.
- Those preparing for Confirmation in our parish and wider deanery.
- Diocesan Synod as it meets on Saturday.

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<u>Safeguarding information</u> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible". http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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