Hymns - *(AMRW)*:

Introit	AMRW 595 – Be thou my vision
Gradual	AMRW 581 – Lord of Lords and King eternal
Procession	AMRW 579 – I vow to thee my country
Offertory	AMRW 584 – All my hope on God is founded
During Communion	AMRW 566 – Put peace into each other's hand
	AMRW 462 – Soul of my Saviour
After Communion	AMRW 635 – For the healing of the nations

Refreshments follow the Parish Eucharist in the Church Hall. Please join us.

There will also be an opportunity to meet at 3.00 pm today at the Memorial Cottages, Shotley Bridge for the village's Annual Act of Remembrance led by Father Tom McHale.

Also this week…

Mon	9	2.00 pm in St Cuthbert's Hall - **Mothers' Union meeting**
Wed	11	7.15 pm in St Cuthbert's Hall – **PCC meeting**

Next Sunday, 15 November is
2rd Sunday before Advent
Eucharist: 10.30 am
with the Revd Anthony Bash

Readings:
Zephaniah 1.7,12-18;
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;
Matthew 25.14-30



We don't take a **collection** during the service. *But offerings may be left in the plates at the back of church*. Thanks for your support!

Parish of St Cuthbert, Benfieldside

Part of the Derwent Valley Team

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THE 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8 November 2026

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Eucharist: 10.30 am – We welcome the Revd Phil Carter today.

On this Remembrance Sunday we come to worship God as Lord of all things, to remember those who have died in time of war, and to commend them to God's care. As we give thanks for their sacrifice we pray for the establishment of the justice, righteousness and peace which they sought.

Kyrie Eleison *replaces the* Gloria in Excelsis

Collect:

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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



Eucharistic Prayer F *is used*

We welcome communicant members of any Christian Church to ***receive communion*** *- people who don't receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*

Introduction:

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.

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

Paul seeks to explain what happens to believers when they die, because he doesn't want people to despair in their grief.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the
word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1–13

The story about five wise and five foolish bridesmaids encourages us to be aware and ready, for we do not know when the Son of God will return.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the
wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids
got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 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." 10 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. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to
us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Intercessions: *This response is used*

V/ may God give peace.
R/ **God give peace.**

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,
each one remembered by and known to God;

may God give peace.
All **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.**

Intercessions continue with prayers for the sick and bereaved

The Priest continues

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.**

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

Procession to back of church for Act of Remembrance
(I vow to thee my country)

Wreaths are placed at the war memorials and two minutes' silence is kept followed by…

Stephen Bean says

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 affirm **We will remember them.**

Act of Commitment: *(said by all after the Act of Remembrance)*

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.

