SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

Welcome to our services today, especially any who are visiting us or are new parishioners. Please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty.

THE COLLECT PRAYERS

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**. Amen**

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**

BIBLE READINGS

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is
found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the
gate. 15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her
account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end

13 But 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. 14For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
died.15For 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.16For 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. 17Then 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. 18Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

Matthew 25.1–13

25 Jesus said to his disciples, ‘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.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
For the injured and the disabled,
For the mentally distressed,
And for those whose faith in God and in humanity has been weakened or destroyed.
For the homeless and refugees,
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, may the hope of Christ sustain them in their grief.

Anoint your Church all over the world with the oil of your Spirit, so that we burn brightly, lighting the dark world with your live and truth.

We pray for those who have to live and work with us and are familiar with our habits, gifts and faults. May we make the most of the opportunities to love, to forgive, to stand back and to reach out.

For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, surround them with your love and healing, your reassurance and peace. We pray for those who are too weak or exhausted to pray but simply know they ache for your comfort.

For those being baptised may they grow in faith.

For those who have died, we commend them to your mercy and love, comfort their families in their sorrow.

By your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name. **Amen**

Warborough News:
We continue to pray for the bereaved, the unwell and the carers in our community. We pray for the families of Denise Kirby and Roma Gillow, buried this past week in Warborough churchyard. We pray for a speedy recovery for Jean Davis and Ken Webb. We pray for all those who live on Hammer Lane.

All are welcome to join us for refreshments in St Laurence Hall immediately after our Remembrance Sunday Service.

The PCC will meet in St Laurence Hall this coming Tuesday.