

Prayer of Blessing

May God give to you
and all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

You are invited to stay for coffee after the service.

Sunday November 8th

**Morning Service at 10.30am
with Edenbridge Town Band
and including the Act of
Remembrance.**



'Service of Memories'

**Cowden Church
11th October 2026**

Welcome

In our service this morning we shall remember those we have loved and lost, renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and pray that together we may be one in him.

Let us call to mind the faithfulness of God (words from Psalm 103)



All As a father cares for his children
So does the Lord care for those who fear him.

All For he himself knows whereof we are made
He remembers that we are but dust

All Our days are like the grass
We flourish like a flower of the field

All When the wind goes over it, it is gone
And its place shall know it no more.

All But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on
those who fear him

All And his righteousness on children's children.
Amen

Hymn Praise my soul the King of heaven

Time of confession

All Come, let us return to the Lord and say:
Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call,
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise and prayer

Let us offer praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, who conquered death for us all.

You, Christ, are King of glory
The eternal Son of the Father
You overcame the sting of death
And opened the gates of the Kingdom of heaven.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory;
Come, Lord, and help your people
bought with the price of your own blood;
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

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Our Saviour Jesus Christ taught us to bring our needs to God and to pray for the coming of his kingdom. In confidence and trust we pray together.

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 for ever.
Amen.

All

Let us give thanks for the lives of those we remember this day.

A list of names will be read, followed by an opportunity to light a candle in memory of each loved one.

Further prayers may be offered.

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

First Reading Job 1:13-22

Hymn The Lord's my Shepherd

Second Reading Romans 8:18-21, 28-39

Sermon Stephen Hills

Song Blessed be your name

Sonnet Christina Rossetti

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve;
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Hymn Love Divine