

*The Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,
Higham Ferrers with St John the Baptist,
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott*



MEETING POINT
Remembrance Sunday

Online Worship



***Welcome to our Online Worship –
Meeting Point***

*As Sunday Services now take place in our churches,
our Online Worship continues in ‘Meeting Point’ –
we are joined together as one worshipping family through
our services at home and in church through the seasons
of the*

Church Year and the themes of the Gospel.

*Sunday Meeting Point helps us deepen our faith as we
explore readings from scripture and experiences from our
day to day lives.*

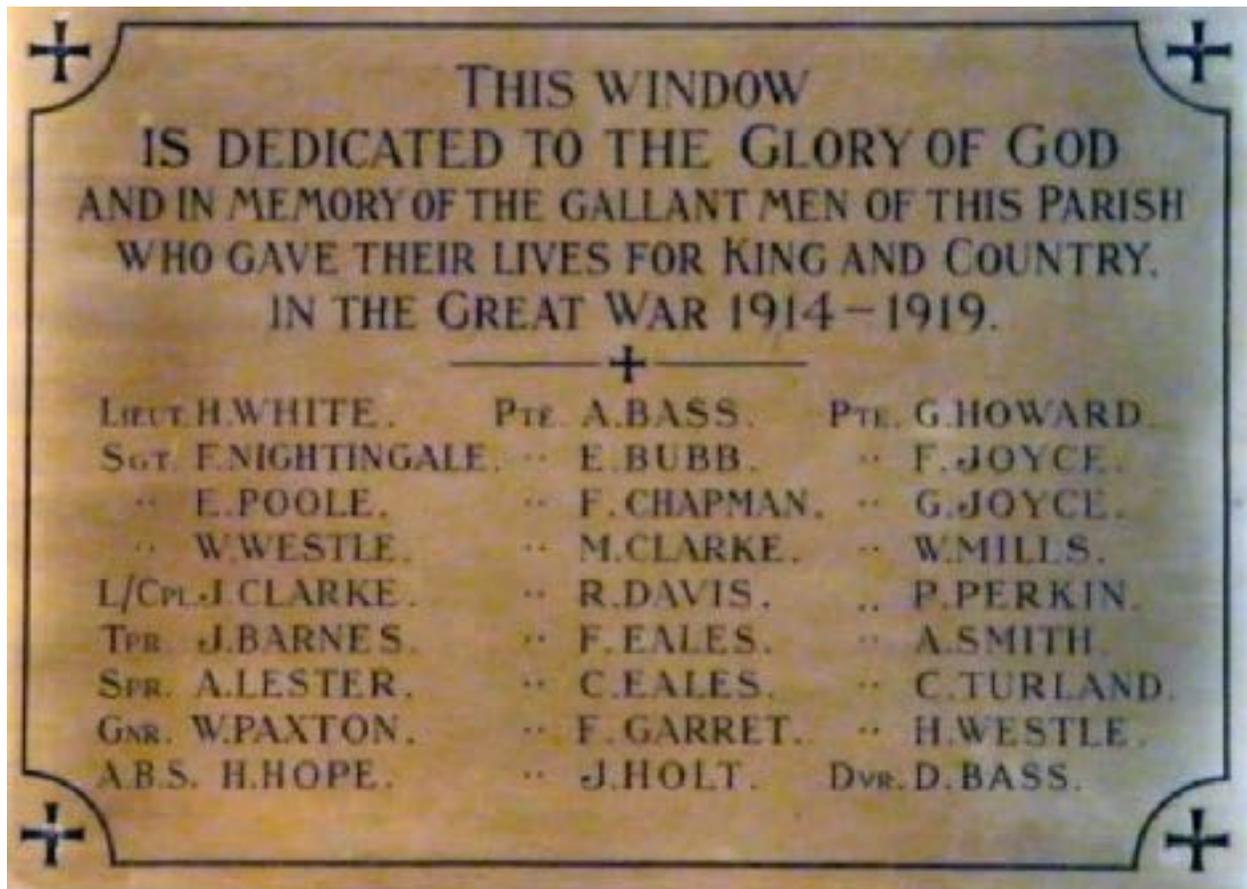
*Today we reflect on the sacrifices of our armed forces,
especially in the two World Wars*

Thanks to all who have made
today’s service possible
including members of the Ministry Team and their families,
Major Jake Baker, Cynthia Matthias and Richard Hall.



The Welcome

Paul introduces today's service.



Poem – ‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae 1919

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



HYMN - ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED

Sung by the Choral Scholars fo St. Martin in the Fields

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.**

Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ this Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844 - 1930)

The Greeting Michelle & Chris

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the
Father.

Grace and mercy be with you

And also with you

Lord, ever watchful and faithful, we look to you to be
our defence

and we lift our hearts to know your help;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***



Collect

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**



BIBLE READING *John 15 : 9 - 17*

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Sacred Spirit, Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Reflection - Paul

ANTHEM – *Rest in peace and rise in glory*
(Rev. Peter Skellern 1947 – 2017)

For all who need comfort, for all those
who mourn
All those whom we cherished will be
reborn
All those whom we love but see no
more
They are not perished, but gone before
And lie in the tender arms of he
Who died for us all to set us free
From hatred and anger and cruel
tyranny
May they rest in peace, and rise in
glory

Lord give me wisdom to comprehend
Why I survive and not my friend
And teach me compassion so I may live
All my enemies to forgive

All suffering and sorrow will be no more
They'll vanish like shadows at heaven's door
All anguish and grieving will one day be healed
When all of God's purpose will be revealed
Though now for a season lost from sight
The innocent slain in the blindness of right
Are now in the warmth of God's glorious light
Where they rest in peace, and rise in glory



MAJOR JAKE BAKER – An army veteran from Rushden with 42 years service reflects on his experiences and his memories on Remembrance Sunday.



HYMN - O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**



Act of Remembrance – led by Michelle and Richard Hall

As 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 now with thanksgiving and sorrow those
whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

*In a moment of silence, we give thanks for those from our
local communities who have fallen in conflict, whose memory
we cherish and whose sacrifice we remember.*

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded

We keep silence

The Reveille is sounded

Kohima Epitaph

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

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.



Responding in Hope and Commitment – led by Michelle

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

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 Lord. **Amen**

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**



*John Mayes
Kimbolton
Royal British Legion*

THE BLESSING ***MICHELLE***

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. ***AMEN***

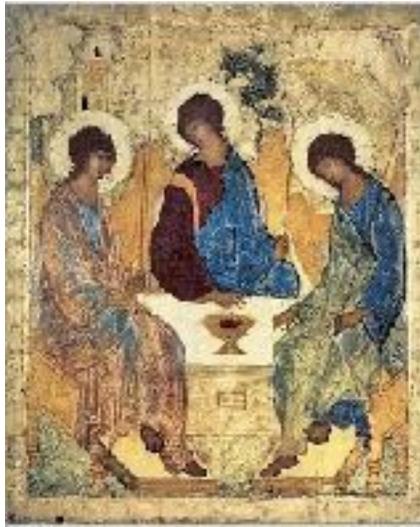
Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection. ***AMEN***

FANFARE - "SUNSET"



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