

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
and 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.

## FINAL PRAYER AND THE BLESSING

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**



All Saints Church in the Parish of Staplehurst

# Service of Remembrance

AT THE BEGINNING OF SERVICE THE CHOIR SINGS THIS HYMN

## HYMN

Our 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 defense is sure.

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

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an ev'ning gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Our God, our Help in ages past,  
our Hope for years to come,  
be Thou our Guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal Home!

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

During the National Anthem the Union Flag is dipped.

## 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.

Nor on this land alone—  
but be God's mercies known  
from shore to shore.  
Lord, make the nations see  
that men should brothers be,  
And form one family  
The wide world o'er.

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

As we remember before God, and commend to his care, all those who have died in the service of their country, we light a candle in their name. We light a candle for those whom we knew, for those whom our parents and grandparents knew, those whose memory is still treasured, and those with no-one left to remember them. We light a candle for hope for the future and a prayer beyond words for those who have no words left.

We remember especially the young men and women from this village who died far away, and those from far away, who died in defence of this village. As

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, 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.

## ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

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.

In a world still troubled with war, hatred and unrest, we pray for peace and unity.

As we remember with gratitude all those who have suffered the indignities and hardship of conflict, help us to keep alive the values for which they fought. Let not their sacrifice be in vain, but let it serve to teach us the value of peace and freedom. Help us to preserve that freedom, as a testament to those who fought so hard for it.

O Lord, by whose cross all hostility is brought to an end, break down the walls that separate us, tear down the fences of indifference and hatred. Forgive us the sins that divide us, free us from pride and self-seeking. Give us courage to open ourselves to others, to overcome our prejudices and fears.

By your grace, inspire and influence the hearts and the wills of those in authority, that they may lead us wisely, to work towards a new world where men and women live as friends in the bond of your peace. Let us begin this work today, that we may create a better tomorrow, for ourselves and for the world. **Amen**

### HYMN

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

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

we stand in silent reflection of what these people gave for their fellow brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to meet with God in simplicity and stillness, to hold these people in his presence.

### THE LIST OF THE FALLEN IS READ BY VIC HOLDAWAY

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 respond

**We will remember them**

The Last Post will be sounded

### THE TWO MINUTE SILENCE.

The Reveille will be sounded

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

### HYMN

O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war  
as who had heard God's message from afar;  
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,  
to save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;  
into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,  
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,  
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

THE WREATHS ARE LAID AT THE VILLAGE MEMORIAL IN ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL

### PRAYER

Merciful God, all thoughts of truth and peace are founded in you. Fill the hearts and minds of all people with your love that peace and understanding may grow where distrust and unease have lived for too long. Help us to nurture the growth of that peace, from man to man, race to race, faith to faith, young to old, so that it may spread widely throughout the kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE FIRST READING    ANGIE LUCAS    Isa 2:1-4

### HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

### Refrain

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

### Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### Refrain

THE SECOND READING    HELEN WILKINS    John 15:9-17

SERMON    Archdeacon Andrew Sewell

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION