

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



**The Church on the Road:**  
*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

## Remembrance Sunday

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley**

**Officiant: Joe, Reader at St Mary's**  
**Reflection: Kath, Reader at St Mary's**  
**Churchwarden on duty: Janet**

## **The Opening Hymn**

*We stand and we sing our opening hymn. Children aged 8 and under are welcome to join our Diddy Disciples taking place in the hall. Please gather at the back of church. If you are aged 4 or under, please bring an adult with you. For this week only you'll be out for the whole service.*

St Anne

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

**Beneath 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,  
will bear us all away;  
we fade and vanish, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.**

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

Issac Watts, 1674-1748  
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## The Preparation

*Minister* Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**And also with you.**

*The minister introduces the service.*

*Minister* We worship God,  
who is good and just and true.  
He created and sustains the world;  
and loves us, though we have failed him.

We remember  
all who have given their lives in the struggle for justice and peace,  
all who suffer in war and conflict,  
and all who live in terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Minister* Let us confess to God  
the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;  
its evil divisions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for his children.

*We keep a time of silence.*

*Minister* Lord God our Father, maker of all:  
we praise you for your great work creating the world.  
Give us the skill to build a society where all may thrive,  
and forgive us when we use your gifts poorly.

*All* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister* Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
Prince of Peace:  
as we thank you for your life among us,  
forgive us when we fail to live together as one family.  
Help us to dwell together in love and peace,  
seeking one another's welfare,  
bearing one another's burdens,  
and sharing one another's joys.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Minister* Holy Spirit,  
Lord of grace,  
fulfiller of humanity:  
give us strength to face the future,  
and wisdom to learn from the past  
as we remember those who have given their lives  
in the service of justice and peace.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister* The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*Minister* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## The Word of God

### The First Reading: Isaiah 1. 16 - 19

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - 18**

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Hymn**

*We stand and turn to face the war memorials as we sing:*

Melita

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
who bidd'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, amid 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 waters dark and rude,  
who bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confession, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
our comrade's shield in danger's hour.  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them whereso'er they go,  
and ever let there rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting, 1825-1878  
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## The Act of Remembrance

*Minister* We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

*Individuals may be remembered.*

*Minister* 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* **We will remember them.**

*The Last Post is sounded.*

*We keep silence.*

*The Reveille is sounded.*

*Wreaths are laid.*

*Minister* When you go home tell them of us and say:  
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

*Minister* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Hymn**

*We remain standing and turn to face the front of church as we sing:*

Blaenwern

**By a monument of marble,  
or a simple wooden cross,  
here we gather to remember  
sacrifice and tragic loss.  
Blood-red poppy petals flutter,  
each a symbol for a life,  
drifting in a crimson curtain,  
shadow of our constant strife.**

**Solemn silence now surrounds us  
as we stand in memory.  
Why must factions stir up conflict?  
This eternal mystery  
troubles hearts and stirs the conscience,  
urges us to think again;  
face the curse of confrontation,  
yet reduce this searing pain.**

**For the sound of war still thunders  
through our planet, on this day.  
Every hour new victims suffer,  
even as we meet to pray.  
God, we need your help and guidance  
in our constant search for peace.  
Move us on to new solutions  
as we pray that wars may cease.**

Marjorie Dobson, b.1940  
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## The Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel.*

*Intercessor* May God give peace,  
*All* **God give peace.**

*Intercessor* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Minister* Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All* **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.**

*We stand.*

## **The Act of Commitment**

*Minister* 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.

*All* **Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all of humanity,  
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.**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*We remain standing and we sing:*

Dambusters March

**God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble,  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!**

**There is a flowing river  
within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her-  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence-  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!**

**Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations-  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!**

After Psalm 46, Richard Bewes, b.1934  
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## **The Blessing**

*Minister* Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

*We remain standing and we sing.*

**God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.**

***Coffee and tea are served after the service, all are welcome.***

If you would like to provide feedback on this service please speak a member of the Worship Group, Kath, Catherine, Janet or David. You can also email us [worship@stmaryswalkley.co.uk](mailto:worship@stmaryswalkley.co.uk)

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