St Mary's Church, Walkley



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

A Memorial Service in Commemoration of the Departed

1st November 2026

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

We hope through prayer, silence and candlelight you find space to remember, with joy and sorrow, those who we offer to God those in our hearts at this time. Refreshments will be served after the service to which all are welcome.

Officiant: Kath, Reader at St Mary's
Reflection: Catherine, Reader at St Mary's
Team Warden: David

Before the service 'The Lord will listen' is sung.

The Preparation

Minister In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace mercy and peace be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Minister God our refuge and strength,
close at hand in our distress;
meet us in our sorrow
and lift our eyes to the peace and light of your constant care.
Help us so to hear your word of grace
that our fear will be dispelled by your love,
our loneliness eased by your presence
and our hope renewed by your promises in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The minister introduces the service.

The Opening Hymn

We stand and we sing number 6 in the green book.

We sit.

The Confession and Absolution

Minister We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We keep a time of silence.

All **Almighty God,**
For the times we have seen our way as the only way,
we ask your forgiveness.
For the things we have said which have hurt and torn others,
we ask your forgiveness.
For when we have turned away
from helping those who needed it,
we ask your forgiveness.
Bring us back to yourself and cloak us in your love so that we may live and love as children of God.
Amen.

Minister May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Reading: 1 Peter 1. 3 - 9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

The Hymn

We stand and we sing hymn number 246 in the green hymn book.

We sit.

The Reflection

We remain seated as 'We trust the mighty love of God' is sung.

The Act of Remembrance

The Paschal Candle, the great candle of Easter, is lit as a sign of the resurrection hope in Christ Jesus.

Minister Almighty God
we give you thanks
because Christ our paschal sacrifice
has made us children of the light,
rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven
to receive his faithful people.
His death is our ransom from death,
his resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

All **Amen.**

As 'How blest are they' is sung you are invited to come to the front to have your candle lit from the Easter Candle.

We remain seated to sing hymn number 276 and number 54 in the green hymn book.

Once all who wish to come forward to have their candles lit have done so, the names of whose we have been asked to remember will be read out.

We keep a time of silence.

Minister Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

We remain seated or kneel.

Intercessor Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Intercessor May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
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.

The Closing Hymn

We stand and we sing hymn number 313 in the green book.

The Conclusion

All **Lighten our darkness,**
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Minister May God give us
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 among us and remain with us always.
All **Amen.**

Minister Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to spend time in quiet contemplation following the service. We ask that when you are ready to leave please come and place your candle on the table in front of the altar.

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

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