

# St Matthew's – Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Mr Gary Killeen

**Welcome to St. Matthew's.** Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. All the words for the service will also be on the projector screens.

During this service there will be an Act of Remembrance. This will take place at the memorial in the St Clement's Chapel within the church, close to 11.00am. Three wreaths will be laid. The first in St Clement's Chapel, which was refurbished in 1920 as a war memorial. Following the service, the second will be laid at the Memorial Cross, which overlooks the town and is accessed via the stone steps. The third wreath will be laid in the Memorial Gardens, which were designed as a memorial to the dead of the two World Wars and which are owned by Walsall Borough Council.

**Children's Church** will leave for their groups following the act of remembrance.

## Welcome and Notices

### Opening Words

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

## Song

- In the name of God the Father



## All Together Talk

*(leading into...)*

## Act of Remembrance

– *Words of gathering and commemoration*



Let us remember before God and commend to his safe keeping those who have died and who suffer in war; those who we knew and whose memory we treasure and all who have lived and died In the service of people of the world.

- *A wreath of poppies is laid*
- *The Last Post*
- *Silence*
- *Reveille*

They grow not old as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not wither them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

### **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

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.

*[short silence]*



Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

Where we have wilfully misused your gifts of creation,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have condoned the lie in our society,  
and failed to achieve justice or compassion,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have heard for ourselves the good news of Christ,  
but have not shared it with our generation nor taught it to our children, be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

**O God, forgive us for our lack of love,  
and in your mercy,  
make us what you would have us be,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Hear God's tender words of comfort for his people:  
your sorrows are ended, your sin is paid for.  
God will show you his glory,  
and you will receive grace at his hand;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **All Together Song**

- **In my wrestling and in my doubts**



***Children leave for their groups.***

## Prayers

*The following response may be used*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



*At the end*  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

## Collect

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.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,  
**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.**



## Sung Worship

- The splendour of the King
- O Lord my God



## 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end p.1188



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading

- John 15:9-17 p.1083



## Sermon




## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father**  
**almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only**  
**Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the**  
**Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and**  
**was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of**  
**the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living**  
**and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

*Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel.*

**Offertory Song** (including  collection)  
(During this song, offering bags will be passed round)

- You unravel me with a melody
- There is a redeemer

**Collection Prayer**



**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
you emptied yourself, taking the  
form of a servant.

Through your love, make us servants  
of one another.

**Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you  
became poor.**

May our lives and gifts enrich the life  
of your world.

**National Anthem**

- God save our gracious  
King!



**Closing Words**

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 fainthearted;  
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 you and remain with  
you always.



**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

