Churches Together in Walton-on-Thames
and The Royal British Legion

Service and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 10th November 2024 at 10.40 a.m.

(please join in with the words in **bold** type)

As we gather Ashley CofE School Choir will sing
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace and
Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)

Welcome by Rev Jonny Blair

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore (x 2)

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield (x 2)

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee (x 2)

You can download an Order of Service here:

St Erconwald's | The United Reformed Church | Methodist Church | The Redeemed Christian Church of God | Walton Baptist | Oasis | King's Church Walton-on-Thames | St Mary's and St John's

Reading from Matthew 5: 1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand,
and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Sermon **Rev Dave Bixby**

Hymn

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

John Newton

Prayers for our town, nation and world
After each prayer, please join in with the following response
Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **Hear our 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 forever. Amen.

Remembering

An older person (OP) says:
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person (YP) replies:
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them.

Together, we all say ***We will remember them.***

The Last Post

Two Minutes' Silence

The Reveille

The Laying of Wreaths Commentary by Rev Jonny Blair

Commitment

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

Leader Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

YP Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will**

OP Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will**

YP Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will**

All: 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. Amen

National Anthem

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.

Blessing

The parade marches from outside Ashley School, round the War memorial, down New Zealand Avenue, through the Heart Shopping Centre and is dismissed on the High Street before Churchfield Rd.

***Free refreshments** are served in Walton Baptist Church, Winchester Rd*

Thank you to everyone who has made this service & Act of Remembrance possible. Special thanks to Joanna Gordon and the AV Team

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