

**The Benefice of
St Mary Magdalene, Geddington
and
St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



Lest We Forget

Service of Remembrance

The Gathering

At the War Memorial

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

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

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

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

Responding in Hope and Commitment

*Representatives come forward to lay wreaths
or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope.*

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Process into the church

Music

Introduction to an act of Remembrance

Please stand

Let us remember before God,
And commend to His safe keeping,
Those who have died for their country in war;
[those who we knew, and whose memory we treasure;]
And all who have lived and died
In the service of the peoples of the world

A list of those to be remembered by name is then read...

Then an older person 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 may reply

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled. Silence is kept.

*The completion of the silence will be signalled
with the playing of the last post.*

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. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

After a short silence

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought and word and deed
we have not loved you with our whole heart.
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
in your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

A Reading from...

At the end the reader says...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to....

Glory to you O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women

who have died in the violence of war,

each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace.

God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief

and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
May God give peace.

God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
May God give peace.

God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

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. **Amen**

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**

The Act of Commitment

Please stand

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

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 our risen redeemer. **Amen**

National Anthem

Remain standing

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**