Remembance Sunday Service



Sunday 8 November

10.15am

St Stephens's Church
South Dulwich

With the participation of Kingsdale School, the 7th Camberwell Scouts and Cubs and representation from Dulwich Prep Senior

Voluntaries. *Organ voluntaries by Oliver Lallemant, Director of Music at St Stephen's*

WELCOME.
Reverend Canon Bernhard Schünemann, Vicar at Stephen's

Hymn: O valiant hearts

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has bought them and Whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

Words by John Arkwright (1872 to 1954)
Tune Charles Harris (1919)

ACT OF PENITENCE.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:
Father, We have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,

bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BIBLE READINGS.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. *John 14. 27*

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. *James 3. 17,18*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. *1 John 1.5*

Read by Miss Louise Davidson, Head Master of Dulwich Prep & Senior

Anthem: Abide with me – *Kingsdale School Choir*

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded

During this hymn collection bags will be passed among the congregation for the Royal British Legion and St. Stephen's Church. A contactless giving facility will also be available after the service.

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore,
From his store,
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done.
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

SERMON:
Reverend Canon Bernhard Schünemann

PRAYERS:
Led by teenagers from St Stephen's Church

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.
All: 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.
All: 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.
All: 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.
All: God give peace

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

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you (John Rutter)
The Choir of St Stephen's Church

Poem: A poem for the moment
Eileen O'Brien

Hymn: Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Everyone leaves the church and gathers around the Parish War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance.

Please use both exits on the College Road side of our church.

Act of Remembrance starting at 10.58am

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All stand while the priest says:

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died as a result of war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

The Churchwardens, the Scouts, The Rt. Hon. Helen Hayes MP, local politicians, the Head Master (Dulwich Prep & Senior) and representatives from Kingsdale School lay wreaths at the foot of our memorial.

This is followed by this exhortation said by Captain Matthew Shirley, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Rtd. Captain Shirley served in 17 countries with an emphasis on Northern Ireland, the Middle East and airmobile operations.

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 two minutes silence is framed by the Last Post and the Reveille played by our trumpeter Tom Harrison.

Captain Matthew Shirley:

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

Then the priest says:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Act of Commitment

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 humankind, 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 priest says:

Let us pray in the words that Jesus himself taught us.
All: 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 National Anthem *will be led by our trumpeter.*

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!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

Blessing

