

Service of Remembrance



St Edburg's Church, Bicester
Sunday, 10th November 2024
at 12.00

PROCESSION INTO CHURCH

- Crucifers
- Choir
- Churchwardens; Clergy
- The Mayor with Cadet; Mayor's Consort and Deputy Mayor and Consort
- WO1 (RSM) S Filmer RLC, 1 Regt RLC
- Lt Col Lucinda Butler, MBE – 1 Regiment RLC
- Lt Col G Hennigan RLC, HQ Bicester Garrison and Mrs Sarah Hennigan
- WO1 (GSM) Graham Patterson, HQ Bicester Garrison 1 Regt
- Standard-Bearers
- Deputy Lieutenant & Consort

PROCESSION OUT OF CHURCH

- British Legion Standards, followed by other organisations' standards
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Greeting (*stand*) – The Revd. Peter Wright

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The Mayor's Cadet presents the Mace

Standards will be presented during the first hymn

Hymn – All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk he doth us feed
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d.1594)

We are come together on this day in the presence of God to seek his blessing on our town.

To offer our thanksgiving for all that has been achieved in the past.

To pray for all who bear responsibility in our community today, especially in local government.

To seek strength from God for more faithful service in years to come.

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

Prayers of Penitence - Fr. Craig A. Davies

Lord God our Father, maker of all:

we praise you for your great work creating the world.

Give us the skill to build a society where all may thrive, and forgive us when we use your gifts poorly.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God

Prince of Peace as we thank you for your life among us, forgive us when we fail to live together as one family.

Help us to dwell together in love and peace, seeking one another's welfare,

bearing one another's burdens,

and sharing one another's joys.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
fulfiller of humanity:
give us strength to face the future,
and wisdom to learn from the past as
we remember those who have given their lives
in the service of justice and peace.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and
deliver you from all your sins and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reading: 1 John 3.16-20

Cllr Damien Maguire, Bicester Town Mayor

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: Isaiah 2.1-4

Lt Col Lucinda Butler, MBE – 1 Regiment RLC

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn – Put peace into each other's hands

1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

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Reading: Revelation 21.1-7

Mrs Miranda Markham, Deputy Lieutenant

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn – Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord;
and where there is doubt, true faith in You

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Sermon – The Revd. Sarah Mortimer

The Prayers – The Revd. Andrew Foran

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;

for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;

for those who came back;
those whose lives still bear the scars of war;
those who lost sight or limbs or reason;
those who lost faith in God
and hope for humanity.

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;
For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed,
who have become refugees.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For the United Nations Organization and other international
organizations which serve peace and understanding, that
they may be strong in helping settle differences fairly, with
respect for the rights of people, and without recourse to
violence.

For those who negotiate peace, that they may learn to trust
each other and that the agreements they achieve may be
respected.

For the powerful nations that they may be aware of the value and responsibility of each nation in the family of nations and that they may turn from the paths that could lead to war.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace**

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

All **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.**

Standards will be collected during the next hymn

Hymn –Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1. 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 till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. 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,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Our Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will.**

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your peoples
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.

All **Amen.**

Royal British Legion dip standards

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.

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!

The Kohima Epitaph

The Royal British Legion

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all people, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon us and remain with us always.
All Amen

***Please note there will be a retiring collection
for the Royal British Legion***



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