

ACT OF COMMITMENT *(all standing)*

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.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your holy name. Guide us by your Spirit, give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope, and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour.
Long may she reign!
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
“God save the Queen!”**

THE BLESSING

We remain standing with

you of the church.

“We will remember them”

All Hallows Church, Ringmore

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 2013

WELCOME

We stand as the Standard is processed into the church and the organ plays the tune of the first hymn. We then all sing:

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice!**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRAYERS, ending with 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 offertory, in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal, will be taken up while we sing:

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand has provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy . . .**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

READING *Matthew 5:1-12 (Meribah Stark)*

SERMON *Michael Tagent*

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of your throne,
your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies with the dawning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be our defence while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

As we give thanks for his great work,
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 God's help and blessing that we may do his will,
and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride,
its selfishness,
its greed;
its evil divisions
its 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.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in
thought, 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 act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before you
all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE *(all standing)*

The President of the Royal British Legion branch says:
Let us remember with gratitude before God those from these three parishes
and their countrymen who have died in the service of their country in two
world wars.

Let us also be mindful of all those who have given their lives in subsequent conflicts throughout the world, Malaya, Korea, Suez, Cyprus, Aden, Northern Ireland, the Falklands, Kuwait, Iraq and, most poignantly, Afghanistan: those whom we knew, respected and loved and whose memory we treasure.

The President of the Royal Legion Branch reads the Roll of Honour, after which follows

THE SILENCE

The Last Post is sounded

The President of the Royal Legion branch says:

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.

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All turn to face in the Remembrance window. Wreaths are laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Ringmore Parish Council and the Ringmore Women's Institute.

The President of the Royal British Legion branch says:

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

The minister says the following prayer:

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

Amen

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that
know.**

**We may not count her armies, we may not see her king,
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering.
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are
peace.**

READING *Psalm 121 (Phil Errett)*

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to thee**