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 while the Standards are processed out of the church.

"We will remember them"

All Hallows Church, Ringmore

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 14th November 2010

WELCOME

We stand as the Standards are 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. The offertory, in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal, will be taken up while we sing:

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,

my daily labour to pursue, thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil. In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see, and labour on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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.

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, Lord, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day. Earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away. Change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless. Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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, 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 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.

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 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 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**

He who would valiant be

'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound, his strength the more is. No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight. He will make good his right to be a pilgrim. Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit. We know we at the end shall life inherit. Then fancies, flee away! I'll fear not what men say. I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

READING *Psalm* 46 (Stan Brunskill)

God is our strength and refuge,

our present help in trouble, and we therefore will not fear though the earth should change! Though mountains shake and tremble, though swirling floods are raging, God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river within God's holy city. God is in the midst of her – she shall not be moved! God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at his presence – God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our Maker, learn of his deeds all-powerful. Wars will cease across the world when he shatters the spear! Be still and know your Creator, uplift him in the nations – God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

READING Ephesians 6:10-20 (Sally Errett)

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