

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY PAT RUSHMERE)

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/after-funeral/prayers-remembrance>

### *This Week you are Asked to Pray For:*

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Ian Goodearl, Phillipa King, Jill Baker, Jenny King and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. And their families.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

### WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

You are warmly welcomed to join this Sunday's on-line worship for St. John's Church, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor. St. John's is a member Church of the Risborough Team Ministry, serving the parish of Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen. The Sunday 10:00 am Morning Worship service and the 10:55 am Act of Remembrance will both be led by Canon Tony and broadcast on Zoom.

### WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Following the Government announcement that England will enter a Second Lockdown from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, regular worship in churches is now suspended until at least 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

During this period, we will be continuing to broadcast Morning Worship on Zoom each Sunday at 10:00 am, in place of the regular service in church. This Sunday we will also be broadcasting our Act of Remembrance on Zoom from St. John's with Canon Tony leading the service. He will be supported by a small party, in line with Diocesan Guidelines. Unless you are officially part of this small party you **must please not** attempt to attend the act of remembrance at the church in person, but please do join us on Zoom.

### Weekly Services:

SUNDAY	
10:00 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom (TBC)

## FOCUS ON... REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We are told by scientists that the matter of which our Planet Earth is composed originally came from the Sun when the Planets which go to make up our Solar System were formed billions of years ago. Since that time, those atoms and molecules, those ashes of a star, have been made and remade many times over in many different ways in order that we might exist in time, at some point in the story of the Universe, as the process of evolution has unfolded. We can say that this means that every person who has ever existed, or ever will exist, has "star quality". Each and every single person is born into the world as a unique individual, precious to God. It is an undeniable reality that the hand of death pulls apart the atoms and molecules of our physical nature so that the physical body which was once created from the ashes of a star is destined to disintegrate and return to the earth. This seems such a brutal process, and all the more so when death comes through the violence and cruelty and tragedy of conflict and warfare.

It is central to the Christian faith, however, that the sadness and sorrow of the Cross made possible the joy and the glory of the Resurrection. The Christian concept of Resurrection speaks to us of a "raising up" to a new level of existence which is far richer than anything we can know in this mortal world. Our confident faith and hope, then, is that what death unmakes, God re-makes.

On Remembrance Sunday, then, we do honour those who have given their lives in war and in the defence of freedom. We commit ourselves to serving the cause of peace and justice, and we give thanks for the Christian hope and promise of the Resurrection. Our faith in the Resurrection to eternal life is a cornerstone of the Christian understanding of the nature of God; and it is at the heart of the Commemoration of Remembrance Sunday; and, indeed, every time we represent upon the altar Christ's own sacrifice and His rising again to new life.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of  
those in authority, and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

## MORNING WORSHIP ZOOM SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King and start at **10:00 am** BST. The hymns will be led by Cher and Gavin Mole. Other members of the congregation will be taking part. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: St John's Services - Sunday  
Time: Nov 8, 2020 10:00 AM London



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3140309363?pwd=Wmdxcck4vc3ZCbVp1cGZUV3ViYVUyQT09>

Meeting ID: 314 030 9363

Passcode: rbsing

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE ON ZOOM

You are welcome to join us at 10:55 am for our on-line Act of Remembrance, which will be broadcast from St. John's. The service will be led by Canon Tony from the War Memorial in church with a small party present to lay wreaths (in line with Diocesan Guidelines). Others will be taking part in the service on Zoom. The Zoom link for the Act of Remembrance is the same as that for the 10:00 Morning Worship service. The same link (above) will be used as for the Morning Worship Service)

The wooden cross usually erected for Holy Week and Easter at the junction between Church Lane and Main Road has been put up specially for Remembrance Sunday and the following week and has been specially decorated, and together with our WWI soldier silhouette demonstrate our public act of remembering those who have served this country in past conflicts.



## READINGS FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Wisdom Ch. 6 VV. 12 – 16  
1 Thessalonians Ch. 4 VV. 13 – 18  
Matthew Ch. 25 VV. 1 – 13

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Matthew Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 11