



An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025



Withamside United Parish



Words of Welcome

Jerusalem (First Hymn)

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain 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.

The presiding minister reads

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love and to walk humbly with your god? **Micah 6.8**

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith. For reconciliation between the nations. That all the people may, together, live in freedom, justice and Peace.

We Pray for all who in bereavement, disability and paid continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives. In World wars and conflicts, past and present have been given and taken away.

Bible Reading – Revelation 21: 1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was sea 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 people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

Mourning, 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.”

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.

Homily – Yola Middleton

Praying Together (Please respond with the words in Bold)

When I say May God give peace, reply with the words **God Give Peace**

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, **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, **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, **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigures by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace, **God give peace.**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace, **God give Peace.**

For all those 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 **God give peace**



O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish; And those whose names we will never know. Help is to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world; And grant us the grace to pray for peace; As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; For you are the source of life and hope;

Now and forever **Amen.**

The Lords Prayer

All please join for the Lords 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.

Reading - Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Responding in hope and Commitment

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.



Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; Through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen

The National Anthem is Sung

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.

Remembering

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.

We will remember them.

The beginning of the two minutes silence will be signalled by the last post.

Silence

The completion of the two minutes silence will be signalled

The laying of the Poppies and Wreaths

I Vow thee my Country (Final Hymn)

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.

Final Prayer

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;

May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace;

to the departed rest;

to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth

and all mankind, peace and concord;

and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;

and may the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall until 12:15.

Please join us.