

The **NATIONAL ANTHEM** is sung

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.

Remain standing for the **BLESSING**

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always. **AMEN**



THE PARISHES OF
GREAT GRANSDEN, ABBOTSLEY,
LITTLE GRANSDEN AND WARESLEY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 11th November 2018
The leader of today's service is the Revd Judi Clarke



ORDER OF SERVICE

As the congregation, Choir and Clergy and Standard Bearers processes into church after the laying of the wreaths at the Lychgate, 'In Memoriam' by Miles Ling (former resident of Great Gransden) will be played.

The Standards will be presented at the Altar

WELCOME

HYMN 'O God our help'

1
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2
Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3
Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4
A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

I. Watts

Please sit

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

John 14.23-29 (not announced) read by Jan Foster

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Choir will sing the anthem 'We will Remember Them' by Ian Higginson

The **ADDRESS** is given.

Please stand for the **HYMN** 'Hope for the world's despair'

I Hope for the world's despair
 we feel the nations' pain;
 can anything repair
 this broken earth again?
 For this we pray:
 in every place
 a spark of grace
 to light the way.

2

Please stand for the **HYMN** 'Praise to the Lord'

During this hymn the Standards will be collected from the altar and the collection will be taken for the Royal British Legion.

1 Praise to the Lord,
 the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him,
 for he is thy health and salvation.
 All you who hear,
 now to his temple draw near;
 joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord,
 who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 shieldeth thee gently from harm,
 or when fainting sustaineth;
 hast thou not seen
 how thy heart's wishes have been
 granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord,
 who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
 surely his goodness and mercy
 shall daily attend thee;
 ponder anew
 what the Almighty can do,
 if to the end he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord,
 O let all that is in us adore him!
 All that hath life and breath,
 come now with praises before him.
 Let the 'Amen'
 sound from his people again,
 gladly for ay we adore him.

J. Neander
Tr.. Catherine Winkworth

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Please stand for the **HYMN** 'I vow to thee my country'

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Minister

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.

- 2 Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.
- 3 Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.
- 4 Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.
- 5 Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

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Winner of Jubilate's Hymns of Peace competition 2018, to mark the
centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Please sit or kneel

Minister

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 disfigured 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 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 us to lift our eyes above the torment of
this broken world, and grant us the grace to
pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past,

may we put our faith in your future;

for you are the source of life and hope,

now and for ever. **Amen**

All join in saying 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