

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.

## **Blessing**

*Minister:* God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***All are invited to come to the Methodist Church (at the bottom of the Green) for light refreshments after this dedication service.***

# **Dedication of the New War Memorial**

**The Green, Markfield**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**at 10.30 a.m.**

*The people and official party assemble.*

**Welcome** from Matthew Lay, Chair of Markfield Parish Council

## **Brief introduction**

*Rev. Simon Nicholls, Rector of Markfield*

**Reading:** Revelation 21:1-7

*read by Rev. Douglas Brewer, Trinity Methodist Church*

## **Prayers**

*Joy Langford, minister of Markfield Congregational Church*

## **Act of Remembrance**

*Minister:* Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war and peace; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure, and all who lived and died in the service of their country and humankind.

List of names – *read by Michael Hockaday*

*All say:* **May they rest in peace.**

*Wreaths are laid.*

*Minister:* In friendship and service to one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all nations, who died in the Royal Navy, our Army and Royal Air Force. In their name we give ourselves to this noble cause.

*All say:* **Proudly and thankfully we will remember them.**

*Silence*

**The 'Kohima epitaph'** (*spoken by Michael Hockaday*):

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today."

### **Hymn "O God our help in ages past"**

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 Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Will bear us all away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

### **Act of Commitment**

*Minister:* Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that makes for peace? Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

*All say:* **We will.**

*All say:* **Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve all humankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.