Remembrance Sunday 08.11.26 10:30am in Churchfields Park

Welcome: Rev. Andrew Dand (Rector, St Mary's Hanwell)

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
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.

Confession: Rev Stephanie Alvis (Curate, St Mary's Hanwell)

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.

After a short silence, all say:

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind
   Forgive our foolish ways
   Reclothe us in our rightful mind
   In purer lives Thy service find
   In deeper reverence praise
   In deeper reverence praise

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard
   Beside the Syrian sea
   The gracious calling of the Lord
   Let us like them without a word
   Rise up and follow Thee
   Rise up and follow Thee

3. Drop Thy still dews of quietness
   Till all our strivings cease
   Take from our souls the strain and stress
   And let our ordered lives confess
   The beauty of Thy peace
   The beauty of Thy peace

4. Breathe through the heats of our desire
   Thy coolness and Thy balm
   Let sense be dumb let flesh retire
   Speak through the earthquake wind and fire
   O still small voice of calm
   O still small voice of calm

Bible Reading

New Testament reading – Matt 25:1-13

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a
shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” **7** Then all those bridesmaids[c] got
up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps
are going out.” **9** But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” **10** And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the
door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” **12** But he
replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day
nor the hour.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Talk – Rev Andrew Dand

Act of Remembrance
We stand in silence as a mark of respect to all who died in two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

They shall not grow 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.
Two minutes silence are kept

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

Prayers – Rev Stephanie Alvis

At the end of each section we say:

May your kingdom come and your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen

Prayer of commitment – Rev. Andrew Dand

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
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.

Blessing
The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

What's on @ St Mary's

Every Sunday
Online @ 9 livestreamed Online service starts 8:50am www.facebook.com/StMarysHanwell
10:30am Communion in Church with Children and Youth Groups (1st Sunday of the month is a Family Service)

Pantomime – Treasure Island
26th, 27th & 28th November at the Church Hall www.stmaryshanwell.org.uk/pantomime

Advent and Christmas in Church
13th December 6pm Carol Service
24th December 2:30pm & 4pm Christingle, 11pm Midnight Communion
25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service

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