

St Peter's Church, Old Woking



Remembrance Sunday Service

Welcome and Notices

Leader We come together today to remember: To remember with thanks those who have given their lives in service of others. To remember with sadness the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict. We come also to commit ourselves to be peacemakers and peacekeepers wherever we can.

Hymn **400 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

- Bible reading John 15:12–13 (pg1083)
- <u>Talk</u> What is love?

Prayers of thanksgiving

- Leader On this Remembrance Day we want to thank you Lord for all who have died that we may live.
- All Thank you Lord
- Leader For all who suffered pain that we might know joy.

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- Leader For all who had to cope with being in prison that we might know freedom.
- All Thank you Lord
- Leader For all those who willingly served in the armed services or on the home front, sacrificing what they wanted so that we can live in peace.
- All Thank you Lord

Leader In Jesus' holy name we pray.

All Amen

Song All the room was hushed and still

All the room was hushed and still And when the bowl was filled He stooped to wash their feet And when it was complete, he said, "This is what I'm asking you to do This is why I'm kneeling here beside you This is what I want my church to be This is what I want the world to see Who it is you follow"

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Let the room be hushed and still Let us go where he kneels And join him as he serves And learn his ways of love. He said, "This is what I'm asking you to do This is why I'm kneeling here beside you This is what I want my church to be This is what I want the world to see Who it is you follow"

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<u>Bible reading</u> James 4:1–3 (from The Message)

At the end of the reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

<u>Talk</u> I want...

<u>Prayer of confession</u> (Please sit or kneel)

Leader Lord Jesus we come to you believing that your death paid for our sins.

We confess that we have not loved you with all of our hearts. **Please forgive us**

- LeaderWe confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us.AllPlease forgive us
- Leader We confess that we have not trusted you with our needs and have sometimes taken what belongs to other people.
- All Please forgive us

<u>Absolution</u>

All

- Leader May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.
- All Amen.
- Song 170 Give thanks with a grateful heart
- Offering for The Royal British Legion

<u>Affirmation of faith</u> (We stand to affirm our faith)

All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

<u>Poem</u> Making Peace by Shahed Zeitoon, 16, Syria

From here, the story starts From here, peace emerges From the laugh of every child From the eyes of every wounded

From the fruit of every tree From the breeze of every wind Who among us does not love peace?! Who does not want to see peace all over the land and skies? <u>Prayers for peace</u> (*Please sit or kneel*)

Leader Heavenly Father, We bring before you those who are currently serving in wars and conflicts around the world, and those innocent people whose lives have been turned upside down by conflicts in their homeland. For those facing the unknown,

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All give them courage.

Leader For those struggling with physical exhaustion,

All give them strength.

Leader For those enduring desperate situations,

All give them hope.

Leader For those leading others and making difficult decisions,

All give them wisdom

Leader and for families split apart,

All give them comfort.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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

Act of Commitment (All Stand)

All Lord Jesus, today we commit ourselves to: choosing love over hate, choosing service over selfishness, choosing sharing over greed, and choosing peace-making over trouble making, For the glory and honour of your name. Amen.

<u>Hymn</u> **498 O God our help in ages past**

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The service continues outside for THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE and THE LAYING OF WREATHS at the War Memorial.