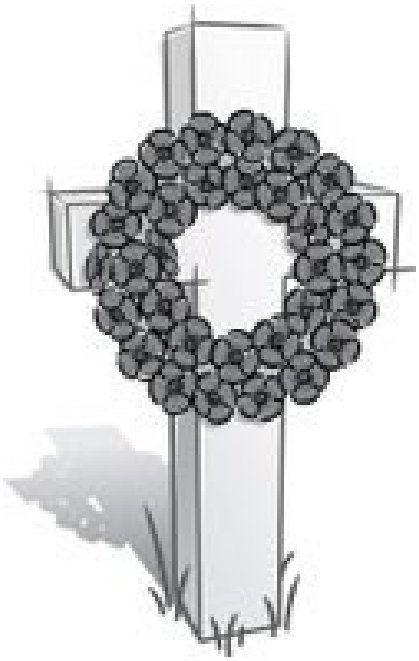
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8th November 2026



A Service for All Ages

A warm welcome to Holy Trinity church. Due to maintenance work on the audio-visual system, the screens are not in operation today. The words for the service can be found in this booklet.

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Before the service begins
you may wish to use the following prayer:

God of love,
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 faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope.
Amen.

THE GATHERING

Informal welcome

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Moscow

1 Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind,
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
Move o’er the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place,
let there be light.

4 Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

President Welcome in the name of Christ.
God’s grace, mercy and peace be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The President introduces the service and theme

President In times of joy we hear God’s word
All **and praise his name.**

President In times of pain we hear God’s word
All **and praise his name.**

President In times of fear we hear God’s word
All **and praise his name.**

President In every time we hear God’s word
All **and praise his name.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President On Remembrance Sunday we are very aware of human failure, disappointment and wrongdoing. During each part of our confession, as we listen to the words that express our sorrow, we are also going to light a candle as a sign that new beginnings are always possible in God's love.

Loving God, you call us to love our neighbour as ourselves.
But we don't always do this, and love ourselves even more.
(candle 1 lit)
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Loving God, you speak of peace among people and nations.
But we don't listen and let anger and hatred take root.
(candle 2 lit)
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Loving God, you want justice for the poor and forgotten.
But we often don't care, and ignore those in need.
(candle 3 lit)
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Loving God, you long for us to walk in your ways.
But we sometimes don't think,
and live in selfishness and greed.
(candle 4 lit)
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you + your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

Finlandia

1 Once we had dreams, dreams of a new beginning,
When we had fought the war to end all war,
A world of peace, where people live in freedom,
A world where justice reigns for evermore.
And yet, and yet, each year as we remember
We know too well how subtly dreams can fade.

2 In this our world where peace is often fragile,
Where war and hatred grip, where children die,
Too easily our hearts are dulled to suffering,
Our ears are deafened to the hopeless cry;
We fail to grasp the call to be peace-makers
We act in fear and let the vision fade.

3 Still we need dreams: O God, make us your dreamers,
Inflame our passion for a world made whole,
A world where love extends to all a welcome,
Where justice, like a powerful stream, will roll.
Come, Prince of Peace, our fading hope rekindle,
"Your kingdom come" we pray, let peace be made.

THE COLLECT

President Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

TALK *-Matt Ford*

Anthem **Thou knowest Lord** ***H Purcell***

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Phil Harper*

Intercessor Prince of Peace;
All **Hear our prayer.**

We make these prayers
in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**

HYMN Regent Square

1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

The Notices

A Prayer of Dedication

All **Father in heaven,**
we dedicate ourselves
to serve you and all peoples,
in the ways of peace,
to work for the relief of want and suffering
and for the glory of your name.
May your Holy Spirit guide us;
grant us wisdom and courage;
give us hope and keep us faithful in your ways
through all our days.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

President May the God of peace be with you
and those you love this day and forever;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you
this day and always.
All **Amen.**

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