

# **BRENTOR CHURCH**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

**Led by the  
Reverend Dr Hazel Butland**



**We warmly welcome everyone joining our service  
All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church, toys are at the back,  
and parents, please don't worry about them!**

# Welcome

## ***Minister introduces the service:***

God is our refuge and strength  
A very present help in trouble  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Psalm 46: 1,7*

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6.8*

## ***The presiding minister continues***

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.

***Hymn 579 I vow to thee my country.***

## ***An Act of Penitence***

Minister: 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***

***All:*** 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.**

***Minister:*** 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.**

## **Scripture Readings:**

### **Isaiah 40: 27-31**

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle: Romans 8: 38-39**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

*John 15:12-14*

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

*John 11:25*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*Hymn 623: Eternal Father Strong to save*

## *Address*

### *Prayers*

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers. The response to each petition will conclude:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

### *A Prayer for the Armed Forces*

Almighty God,

stretch forth your mighty arm

to strengthen and protect the armed forces:

grant that meeting danger with courage

and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,

they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;  
to the honour of your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

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.**

*Hymn 576 Jerusalem*



## *The Thanksgiving*

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives. For His Majesty the King and the Royal Family, and all who under him bear the responsibility of government:



### **Thanks be to God**

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air:

### **Thanks be to God**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress.

### **Thanks be to God**

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth

### **Thanks be to God**

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, and the Falklands whereby our peace has been maintained.

### **Thanks be to God**

For the sacrifices that have been made more recently in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the war against terror.

### **Thanks be to God**

For the Royal British Legion

### **Thanks be to God**

## ***An Act of Commitment***

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:

that we may help, encourage and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and 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. Amen.**

## ***The National Anthem is sung.***


### **Blessing**

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, 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,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**







**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:** Lin Bristow, Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex, Shirley, Val, Steve, Zach, Diana, Harry, Cheryl, Ali, Jon, Lillian, Archie, Robin, Kim, Phil and Brian.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon** On World Kindness Day, help us to be kind to another.

**Tues** The casualties from wars, those lost and others injured.

**Wed** Wars continuing in Ukraine, the Gaza Strip and others, hopes for peace.

**Thu** Families worrying about the colder weather.

**Fri** Thanks for Food Banks and supporting charities.

**Sat** On International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, we pray for your presence and may they know you are near to the broken-hearted.

**Next Sunday:**

**10am** Holy Communion at Christ Church, with the Reverend Tony Vigers and Christopher and Sally Pancheri

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