



# Act of Remembrance

St Andrew's Church, Bedford

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10.45am

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*Welcome and notices*

*Silence is kept*

## **Hymn**

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.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

## **The Gathering**

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

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.

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure safekeeping those men of this parish who have died for their country in two world wars.

## **Remembering**

*The names of the fallen are read.*

They shall grow not 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.

*All*        **We will remember them.**

## **The Last Post**

## **The Silence**

## **The Rouse**

## **The Kohima Epitaph**

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

**Anthem**                      God be in my head – Walford Davies

**Bible Reading**            Ephesians 2:13 – 22  
*read by the Guides*

**Address**                      *Rev Joseph Barnes*

## **Hymn**

*During this hymn, children present are invited to lay a poppy at the altar.*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,  
for those in peril on the sea!

○ Saviour, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the rage did sleep;  
○ hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

○ sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bad'st their angry tumult cease,  
and gavest light and life and peace;  
○ hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

○ Trinity of love and pow'r,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
thus, evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## Prayers

*To the words:* May God give peace.

*Please respond:* **God give peace.**

## Lord's Prayer

*All*            **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.**

## Blessing

### 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!

Not in this land alone  
but be God's mercies known  
from shore to shore.  
Lord make the nations see  
that men should brothers be  
and form one family  
the wide world o'er.