

St Thomas Wells, with the Horringtons

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday November 12th 2023

**Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.**

**Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.**

**Love that binds us all together
be upon the Church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.**

**Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place.**

**Saviour, by your mighty Passion
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
wresting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now O Saviour, dead and risen,
in us triumph, live, and reign.**

Introduction to the Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

Collect

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.

Amen.

First Reading Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Description of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

The Coming of the Lord

But 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.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

**Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord**

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” 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.” 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

**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.**

**Lead us, Father, 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Post-Communion Prayer

**God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom and
restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole
both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

**Christ be the Lord of all our days,
the swiftly passing years:
Lord of our unremembered birth,
heirs to the brightness of the earth;
Lord of our griefs and fears.**

**Christ be the source of all our deeds,
the life our living shares;
the fount which flows from worlds above
to never-failing springs of love;
the ground of all our prayers.**

**Christ be the goal of all our hopes,
the end to whom we come;
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,
our many-mansioned home.**

**Christ be the vision of our loves,
of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight
as light of everlasting light,
the bright and morning star.**

The Act of Remembrance

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.

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence (2 Minutes)

Rouse

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.**

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

ACT OF COMMITMENT

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.

A brief silence follows

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds,
to work together for peace;
to see you in one another,
and to seek your kingdom above all things;
that your will may be done,
and your Kingdom come,
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords
and King of kings. **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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour.
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the King.

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and all people, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's people, eternal life;
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.

For our prayers

Prayers for the Parish:

North Lodge Court; Gilbert Scott Mews; The Courtyard;
West Villa Lodge; Beeches; Westfield House; Firbank; Mendip House;
The Gatehouse; Frome Road Cottages (South Horrington)

Prayers for our link churches in Zambia

Please pray for St Augustine's Church & St Monica's Church,
Livingstone East and their priest Rev Ackson Kampala

Prayers for those who are ill:

David and Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert: Helen; Eva & family;
Jenny & Geoff; Julie & Ivor Parry; Alethea; Jenny Boocock; Isaac;
Douglas Duncan

R.I.P. Andrew Lear

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Peter Edmonds (15-11-2021)

Percy Gallop (18-11-1994)

Janet James (18-11-2018)

Thursdays at 11am - Pause to Pray for our legacy and for the redevelopment project

Elaine Jones, the daughter of Jean Cottrell has asked me to let you know that Jean has moved to a Care Home near Bath this week. If anyone wants to be in touch with Jean or know how she is doing then Elaine is happy if you give her a phone call. (*Apply to the office for her mobile number*).

This week:

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| 14 th Tues | 10am-12 2 – 4pm | Coffee Stop <i>Choir rehearsals</i> |
| 15 th Wed | 9.30-11am 11am | ABC2 parents/carers & tots in the church hall Eucharist – a quiet said communion service |
| 16 th Thurs | 10-11am 10.00am 2 – 4pm | Keep Fit in the church hall Mothers Union Coffee Morning in the church Snack & Chat in the community room |
| 17 th Fri | 11.30am | Funeral Service for Andrew Lear in church |
| 18 th Sat | 1am-4pm | <i>Gospel Singing Workshop in church</i> |
| 19 th Sun | 10am 6.30pm | Parish Eucharist Taizé Service |

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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am to 11.30pm**

**Diocesan Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in church.**

*A selection of MU Christmas cards will be available to buy.*

*All welcome.*

**SOULS OF OUR SHOES EXHIBITION**

Meet the shoes telling the stories of victims of domestic violence.

**Visit Wells Cathedral between 25<sup>th</sup> Nov & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

*see poster for more details*