



Sunday, 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

Church Services and private prayer

As we have now entered lockdown again, there will be no acts of communal worship in Church until December. This also means the planned service outside at the war memorial, and the requiem mass afterwards, on Remembrance Day (Wed 11th) is cancelled. During this current period of lockdown St Mary's church will continue to be open on Wednesdays between 12.00noon and 1.00pm for private prayer and on Sunday mornings throughout November between 10.00am and 11.00am. People can only come and sit alone or with members of their household, but more than one group can be in church at any time, as long as social distancing occurs. Please continue to sit where there is a green tick, and turn it over to red when you leave, to allow for cleaning and to stop others sitting there. Use of the hand gel on entering and leaving is also requested. Face coverings should therefore be worn by all those attending church. You do not need to book in before coming to church.

If as part of your private prayer you **would like to receive communion**, please take one of the pre-consecrated wafers and an order of service from the back of church on the way in. The service sheet will be a version of the Eucharist as used when taking the sacrament to people at home or in hospital – as you pray through it you can then consume the sacrament at the appropriate point. As you leave, please take your order of service with.

Remembrance Sunday Service online

We have filmed a service for Remembrance Sunday which should be available to view from Sunday morning. This includes an act of remembrance at the war memorial and the reading of the names who were casualties of war as recorded in church, as well as a short service of reflection beforehand.

School Admissions Policy

Diocesan and national advice has been issued about the recording of attendance at Church worship for school admission purposes. Please refer to either the Church or the School websites for further information.

Music for the Remembrance Sunday Service online

Before Service:

Chorale Prelude "O man, bemoan thy sin" - J.S. Bach (BWV 622)

Hymn:

O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne)

Procession to Cenotaph:

Sarabande in D minor - G.F. Handel

The National Anthem

Final Voluntary:

Prelude in F minor - J.S. Bach (BWV 534/i)

Prayer matters!

[PRAY - ACT - BE](#)

Manchester Diocese is inviting everyone to be part of a year-long pilgrimage of prayer. The link above outlines some of the things you might want to consider doing in November to be part of this. In her sermon last Sunday, Rev'd Carole made reference to this initiative, so it might sound familiar to you already. Each month, the Diocese is encouraging us to explore prayer on a different theme, shaped by a three-fold invitation to Pray – Act – Be. In November we are enjoined to have space to listen in our life of prayer.

[Prayers for the Nation](#)

The two archbishops of the Church of England have encouraged all her members to pray for the nation during this new month of lockdown. To assist in resourcing this, there is a small booklet of some suggested prayers (click on the above link), which is also attached, and which we aim to send out to members of the congregation who do not have access to online/electronic resources. There's a particular encouragement to try and pray each day at 6.00pm if this is possible, so that there is a sense in which the whole church is joined together in this prayer. Obviously this won't be possible for everyone, but do consider trying to make space to pray very specifically and deliberately for our nations each day from now until Advent.



Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers: Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, Nigel Birtwistle, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Andrew Hardman, Helen Hicks, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson

Sending love and prayers to the families of: Ellen Brown and Danny Enifer – may they rest in peace and rise in glory.



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Readings for Remembrance Sunday

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom *Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16*

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.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus said '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.

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.



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.

