

At the US memorial in the South Churchyard:

Fr Philip: We have gathered together to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world He has made, who loves us though we constantly fail to love Him in return; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by His Holy Spirit leads us in this way. As we give thanks for the deliverance granted to us in the Second World War, we remember all those who lived and died in the service of others. We pray for all those who still suffer through war, and we ask that those who gave their lives may not have done so in vain.

Laying of Wreaths by the US memorial

Almighty and everlasting God, we give you humble thanks for the memory and good example of those who have laid down their lives in the cause of peace, especially those recorded in the Book of Remembrance in this church. Accept their sacrifice; let it not be in vain that they have died in the cause of peace and freedom and in your mercy send your peace into the hearts of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Peace (ALL) **Lead us from death to life; from falsehood to truth;
Lead us from despair to hope; from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love; from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Peace, Peace, Peace.**

Blessing and Dismissal

*“When you go home
Tell them of us and say:
‘For your tomorrow We gave our today’.”*

St Mary the Virgin, Mendlesham.

BULLETIN FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

THEME: *On Remembrance Sunday we recall the sacrifice made by men and women of our nation who gave their lives so we might live in freedom. Although principally a remembrance of the First and Second World Wars, we also call to mind the many thousands of people who have since died in conflicts around the world. As we pray for them and their families, we ask God to strengthen the resolve of all who work for peace and pray for a just settlement wherever there is a common grievance.*

Penitential Rite

Forgive us, Lord, when we do not listen to your voice in the scriptures, explaining to us the meaning of life and death. Lord have Mercy. **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Forgive us, Lord, when we do not discern your presence strengthening our wavering faith and calming our fears. Christ have mercy. **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Forgive us, Lord, when we do not recognise your presence in the Breaking of the Bread, when we do not recognise that we are in Communion with the souls in Paradise and the Saints in Heaven. Lord have mercy. **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Opening Prayer

Almighty everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Reading 2 Maccabees 12 v. 43-45.

It is a good thing to offer prayers for our departed so that they may be purified from their sins and come to fullness of life in God.

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102 **®The Lord is compassion and love.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults **®**

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust. ⑧

As for man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field; the wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again. ⑧

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth. ⑧

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23 v. 33. 39-43 *Jesus promises Paradise to the penitent thief*
When the soldiers reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. One of the criminals hanging there abused him. "Are you not the Christ?" he said. "Save yourself and us as well." But the other spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no fear of God at all?" he said. "You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." "Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied, "today you will be with me in paradise."

Address

Apostles' Creed (Profession of Faith)

Laying of Wreaths at the Memorial in the Lady Chapel

Prayer of the Faithful

Fr Philip: In this time of recalling tragedy and distress, it is most fitting that we call on our God who is full of love and compassion. Confidently, in the hope of the resurrection we pray.

Let us pray for the Church in this country; that it may be true to its mission in spreading the Gospel of justice, love and peace.

Lord hear us: ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for a secure and lasting peace in our world.

Let us pray for all who have suffered the violence and destruction of war; that they may find peace especially in all areas of the world where there is still conflict.

Let us pray for all who have died, especially those who died defending our country, each of whom has a candle lit for them: For those from Mendlesham In WW1: **Walter Ager, Jesse Arbon, Edmund Baskett, George Brundish, Robert Cuthbert, Henry Cutting, Greg Durrant, Leonard Elliott, Arthur Finbow, Edward Finbow, Frederick Finbow, Thomas Fisher, Alfred Gooderham, John Hart, Harry Huggins, Eric Jolly, Philip Lewes, John Mullinger, Maurice Scarfe, Leopold Tye, George Tyte, James Tyte, Eric Weintz, George Woods, Nathan Ager;** In WW2: **Donald Murray, John Simmons, James Scarff, Rowland Scott, Albert Bloom, Edric Wright, Gordon Hunt, Norman Salisbury, Bertram Shortland;** In the Korean War: **John Clements.** And the 288 US Servicemen stationed at Mendlesham Airfield who gave their lives in WW2.

2 MINUTES SILENCE

At the end of the silence: **Rest Eternal Grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray with Mary, Mother of the Risen Lord -

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

All: God of mercy, send forth your Spirit of peace to our world as we ask you to grant our prayers for those who have fallen in war, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY (Offering of bread and wine)

SANCTUS

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, in which the bread and wine are consecrated to become the body and blood of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

AGNUS DEI

HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you.

Act of spiritual Communion:

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Fr Philip and family will take the wreaths outside to lay at the US memorial on behalf of 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, Mendlesham and Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford