

**Remembrance Sunday,
Sunday, 13th November 2022**



Dear Friends,

‘Stand firm, and you will win life.’ (Luke 21: 19)

In 1919, Prime Minister, David Lloyd George commissioned architect, Sir Edward Lutyens, to design a temporary monument to commemorate those who had died during the First World War. Lutyens designed a cenotaph or ‘empty tomb’ made from wood and plaster which was placed on Whitehall. So popular was this memorial that within the first week of the Cenotaph’s unveiling, over a million people came to lay wreaths and to pray for those who had died. Lutyens later created the permanent Cenotaph made from Portland stone we are familiar with today.

On 11 November 1920, King George V led a Remembrance Service from the Cenotaph as the Unknown Warrior made his final journey to Westminster Abbey. The addition of the Two Minute Silence in the Act of Remembrance came from Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African author and politician. His idea was proposed to King George V in 1919, who immediately ordered that it should be held at 11 am on 11 November 1919.



London Boy Scout group on Remembrance Day 1941 – British Legion

On Armistice Day, on Friday of this week, I had the privilege of standing at the War Memorial in Wherwell, alongside a number of active military personnel and the entire cohort of Wherwell Primary School for a deeply moving service of remembrance. The children had walked in respectful silence from their school on Longparish Road and lined the grass triangle around the War Memorial, listening intently as I read out the all too long list of names of all those young local Wherwell men who lost their lives in two World Wars that we might stand together in peace.



Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Armistice Day. We remember her too, as King Charles leads the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph this coming Sunday morning.

As we prayed for all those who had sacrificed their lives, so we also remembered all those who returned home, all who fought on the Home Front and all those in our Army, Navy and Air Force who have defended our realm in modern conflicts, and who are still fighting for peace around the world. Our particular thoughts were with the people of Ukraine as they continue to fight for freedom and justice in their country.

After the two minutes silence, the schoolchildren laid poppy wreaths on behalf of civic dignitaries and planted poppy crosses around the War Memorial. Anyone believing our young generations have lost their connection to our war dead ought to have seen the love and respect with which these wonderful young people stood in respectful honour this morning. Together, our voices rang out in prayer: ***We will remember them!***

Yours, in the peace of Christ,

Jax
Rector, The Downs Benefice

Collect Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

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



Luke 21:5-19 - The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

Schedule of Services

Services start at 10am unless stated otherwise

Date	Ch	Cr	Li	Sp	Wh
13 th November	(with Wherwell)	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service – at the War Memorial	<i>Remembrance Service at the Barracks (please arrive by 10.30am)</i>	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service – at the War Memorial (with Chilbolton)
20 th November	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	6pm – Peace & Wholeness Service	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)	6pm - Autumn Meditations
23 rd November			Mid-week Holy Communion		
27 th November	5pm – Advent Meditation		11.15am - Patronal Festival with Commissioning of the Anna Chaplain	Morning Worship	8am – Holy Communion (BCP) <i>PLUS</i> 5.30pm – Advent Carol Service
2 nd December				9.30am – Sparsholt School Christingle Service	
4 th December	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	4pm – Café Church (in the Church Room)		
11 th December	4pm – Carol Service	6pm – Carol Service	Holy Communion and Celebration of Canon Bruce Kington's 50th Anniversary of Ordination	6pm – Carol Service	Carol Service <i>PLUS</i> 6pm – Autumn Meditations
15 th December					6pm – Wherwell School Christmas Service

18 th December	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	6pm – Carol Service	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)	
24 th December	4pm – Crib Service		4pm – Crib Service	4pm - Crib Service <i>PLUS</i> 11.30pm – Midnight Service	2.30pm – Crib Service
25 th December	Christmas Family Service	Christmas Family Service	Christmas Holy Communion	Christmas Family Service	Christmas Family Service
28 th December			Mid-week Holy Communion		