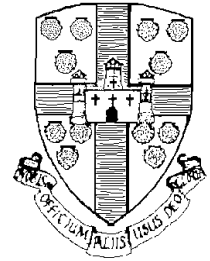


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# St Mark's Church and Putnoe Heights Church

The Church of England and the  
Methodist Church in Partnership



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## Remembrance Sunday 2003

### Verse of Scripture

Jesus said, There is no greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends. *John Chapter 5:13*

### Introduction

Minister: We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way. As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

### Hymn

As the deer pants for the water (on notices)

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### IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



*In Flanders Fields*

*By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD  
(1872-1918) Canadian Army*

*Published by Punch 8 December 1915*

## Act of Penitence

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

All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Minister: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Act of Remembrance *(all standing)*

Minister: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

## Placing of the wreath

*(The wreath is brought forward and placed at the altar)*

## The Silence

They shall not grow 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.

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Offering

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*All stand as the Offering is brought forward*

**All:** Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you:  
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to your will. Amen

## Hymn

I am a new creation (on notices),

## The Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



## Bible Readings

Ruth Chapter 3:1-5, 4:13-18, Hebrews Chapter 9:24-28 & Mark Chapter 10:38-44

*At the end of each reading -*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## Hymn

431 Where the cross (tune Gonfalon Royal)

## Sermon

The Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman

Hymn  
358 O God our help

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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

Act of Commitment *(all standing)*

Minister: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and others:  
that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those  
working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the  
nations.

All: Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and others,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;  
And keep us faithful now and always, Amen.

Hymn  
784 Thy hand O God

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is  
good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you always.  
Amen.

This service is commended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Cardinal Archbishop of  
Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council