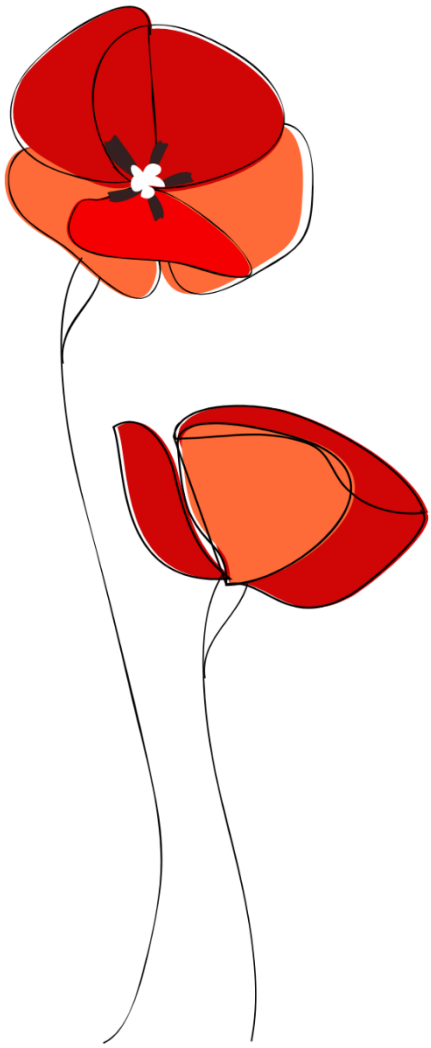
St John's Glastonbury



Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026

11am

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

The parade stops outside St John's and faces the war memorial. The civic party and standard bearers come forward for the act of remembrance.

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 humanity.

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 is played, followed by two minutes silence. The silence closes with the Reveille.

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

The piper plays Flowers of the Forest and poppy wreaths are laid.

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

As the bagpipes play the choir, clergy, standard bearers, and civic party process into the church via the churchyard and wait inside by the West Door.
Once the procession is inside, the rest of the congregation follow.

Please take a seat when you go in, but if it is very busy, be mindful of those who may need one more than you.

ENTRANCE AND GATHERING

Music before the service - 'Sospiri' and 'Nimrod', by Edward Elgar

If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand as the procession enters.

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

The vicar welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

OPENING HYMN

During the hymn the Books of Remembrance, Standards, and maces are taken to the High Altar and received by the clergy.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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 wants for all his children.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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, our God. Amen.

Forgiveness of our sins is declared in the words of the absolution.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
(John 15:9-17)
Read by David Randall – St John's Church

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: IN FLANDERS FIELDS by JOHN MCCRAE
Read by The Worshipful Mayor of Glastonbury – Cllr Zoe Price

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.

HOMILY: The Vicar

HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for our world are offered, closing with 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance by Richard Farrant

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all people:
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.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
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

Please stand.

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace, and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save our King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us
God save the King.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in b minor by J.S. Bach

Upcoming Services and Events at St John's

Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day
Wednesday 11th November 10:55 by the war memorial

Frost Fayre Market
Saturday 28th November

Advent Carol Service
Sunday 29th November 6pm

Please see our website for details of regular services