

Parish of The Upper Wreake
All Saints Church, Hoby

**A Service to Commemorate
the Centenary of the Outbreak of
The First World War**



Monday 4th August, 2014

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime." *Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, 3rd August 1914*

Welcome & Introduction

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Hymn 366: O God our help in ages past

Bible Reading: Isaiah 55.6-end

Two candles are extinguished after the first reading.

Psalm 36

- 1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart;
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
- 2 **They flatter themselves in their own eyes
that their abominable sin will not be found out.**
- 3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit;
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.
- 4 **They think out mischief upon their beds
and have set themselves in no good way;
nor do they abhor that which is evil.**
- 5 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.
- 6 **Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 7 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the strong deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 8 **How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.**

Prayer

All **O God, the source of life,
banish our pride and enlighten us with wisdom,
that we may be led by your light,
and come to see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Reading: Letter notifying Mrs Jeffs that her son, Harry, had died

The two remaining candles are extinguished after this second reading.

Hymn 15: All my hope on God is founded

Old Testament Canticle

*All***The boots of tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest;
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders;
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood:
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us:
and the government will be on his shoulders;

And he will be named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God:
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace:
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness:
from this time onwards and for evermore.

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The boots of tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

A fifth lighted candle is brought in for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading : Mark 13. 3–8

Responsory

The nations are in tumult, and the peoples devise a vain plot
Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness

A sound of loud lamentation is heard: Rachel is weeping for her
children

Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness

Not one stone will be left standing on another

Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness

(Jeremiah 31.15; Psalms 2.1, and 143 1; Luke 19.44)

New Testament Canticle

All **The One who sits upon the throne
will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

Behold a great multitude:
which no one could number.

From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues:
standing before the throne and the Lamb.

And the One who sits upon the throne:
will shelter them with his presence.

They shall never again feel hunger or thirst:
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the heart of the throne:
will be their Shepherd.

He will guide them to springs of living water:
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7

All **To the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The One who sits upon the throne
will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

Reading: "1916 seen from 1921" by Edmund Blunden

Prayers

All Remember, Lord, those whose stories were unspoken and untold.
Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.

Remember, Lord, those whose minds were darkened and disturbed
by memories of war.

All **Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom**

Remember, Lord, those who suffered in silence, and those whose
bodies were disfigured by injury and pain.

All **Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.**

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our maker and our strength,
from whose love in Christ we can never be parted either by death or life:
Look in mercy on those for whom we pray this day,
and grant us your protection and peace,
that we may be saved in body and soul,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we ask for deliverance from the forces of destruction, so we pray in the words that Jesus gave us:

**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.**

Hymn 292: Lead , kindly light, amid th'encircling gloom,

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne,
illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness,
and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray;
and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

All **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;**
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, harmony;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

In your tender compassion, O God
All **the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
All **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity
guard and defend us on every side,
strengthen us to face times of difficulty,
and keep us rooted in faith and hope;

and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with us and all whom we love,
this night and always.

Amen.

**There will be a retiring collection to be shared between
the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes and Combat Stress**

You are warmly invited to remain after the service for refreshments and to view the floral arrangements and the 1914 kitchen. During this period the book "For King & Country – Hoby remembers those who served in the First World War" and the new website will be launched.

A toast will be made to all who went to war and those who never returned.

In line with the vigil throughout the land, a candle will remain lighted until 11.00pm. It will then be extinguished to mark the time one hundred years ago when the United Kingdom entered the First World War.

If you wish to stay in Church or return to Church prior to 11.00pm for a period of quiet reflection you are most welcome to do so.

Acknowledgement

We are indebted to all those who have made this weekend possible in so many different ways and provided a fitting time of commemoration for such a significant event in the history of Hoby and the entire country.