

Remembrance Sunday
9th November 2025

St Edburgha's Church Yardley



*Their bodies are buried in peace,
But their name lives on generation after generation.*

Ecclesiasticus 44 v. 14

Hymn

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 life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Invitation to worship

We have come together to worship Almighty God; to offer him praise and thanksgiving for our nation's deliverance in time of war; to recall to our minds those who through death, injury or bereavement, suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; to seek his forgiveness for our failure to achieve reconciliation between the nations, and to ask for strength to overcome evil and injustice wherever it is found.

Confession:

Almighty and merciful God, Lord of all people and nations, we confess with shame the sins, both private and public, by which we have broken your law and grieved your Spirit.

We acknowledge the reproach that war has brought upon the name of Christ.

We confess our lack of love for you and for others.

For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us from our sins.

Take from us all hatred and bitterness, whether in thought, word or action.

Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven, so that we may grow more like him and live our lives according to your will.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Minister

Almighty God, who has promised to forgive all who repent of their sins and believe in his Son, Jesus Christ; grant us pardon for our sins, peace in our hearts, strength in his service, and everlasting life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Psalm 62.5-12

- 5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; ♦
for in him is my hope.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, ♦
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 7 In God is my strength and my glory; ♦
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
- 8 Put your trust in him always, my people; ♦
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 9 The peoples are but a breath,
the whole human race a deceit; ♦
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.
- 10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; ♦
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, ♦
that power belongs to God.
- 12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, ♦
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

The Collect

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.**

Hymns during procession of Poppies

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

I vow to thee, my country
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love
The love that asks no questions
The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best
The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her
Most great to them that know
We may not count her armies
We may not see her King
Her fortress is a faithful heart
Her pride is suffering
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace

Reading:

Micah 4. 1-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's temple
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig

trees, and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Sermon

Act of Remembrance

Remember Ypres, Gallipoli, the Somme, Mons and Verdun. Remember the Western Desert, El Alamein, the Normandy beaches. Remember Coventry, Dresden, Hiroshima and the Burma Road. Remember Korea, the Falkland Islands, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, East Timor, Afghanistan and the Gulf.

Remember the courage, the comradeship, the ingenuity, the spirit of working together for a common cause, the planning together for a better world that would come with peace.

Remember the call to arms, the patriotic songs, the partings which were such sweet sorrow. The sound of the drum, the skirl of the pipe, the prayer that God would be on our side.

Remember the carnage; the colossal horror of war. Remember the widows of sixty years and more, the old men and women who never knew their fathers. Remember the love that was lost, the wisdom wasted, the minds that are still pained by memories. Remember the families bereft by recent wars and conflict.

Remember this day the children who will die while nation fights nation. Remember the One who asked us to remember them.

Father, remember us; and forgive us our sins against you and our fellow man.

Let us remember before God 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 mankind. 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

The Silence

Reveille

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields, the poppies grow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our places; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amongst 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 your 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. *Dr John McCrae, 1914/1915*

National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,

happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign:
may he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen

Offertory hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;

And that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol Thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.

The Creed

Do you believe and Trust in God the Father
who made the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his son Jesus Christ
who redeemed mankind?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit

Who gives life to the people of God?

We believe in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prayers of intercessions

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,

Asking that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the

violence of war, for each one is remembered by God

God of love

Grant us your peace

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the

distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss

God of love

Grant us your peace

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,

remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return

God of love

Grant us your peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are

disfigured by war or terror, confessing the anger

and hatred common to us all

God of love

Grant us your peace

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep
this world secure and free

God of love

Grant us your peace

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom
and resolve in the search of reconciliation and peace

God of love

Grant us your peace

O God of truth and justice,

we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;

For you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Kohima Epitaph:

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

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,

Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Marching Men

Under the level winter sky
I saw a thousand Christs go by.
They sang an idle song and free
As they went up to calvary.

Careless of eye and coarse of lip,
They marched in holiest fellowship.
That heaven might heal the world, they gave
Their earth-born dreams to deck the grave.

With souls unpurged and steadfast breath
They supped the sacrament of death.
And for each one, far off, apart,
Seven swords have rent a woman's heart.

Marjorie Pickthall



St Edburgha's Church

Weekly Notices

Service next Sunday 16th November
10.30am Holy Communion

During the distribution of Communion you are welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.

We remember those in need of our prayers:

Alison Hill – Curate Christ Church w St Margaret's Ward End/St Paul Bordesley Green

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

Supporting Community



Foodbank needs: Tins of tomatoes, fruit, rich puddings, fish and meat. Jars of jam. Cartons of long-life milk. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Children and Families Work:

Nate Glover: 07341 543761 – Email: nate.glover@cofebirmingham.com

Safeguarding. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913
Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

Fundraising Events

29th November

Christmas Quiz

In Church Hall @ 7:30 p.m.

Teams of up to 6 - £8.00
person

Refreshments included,
bring your own drink.

For more information, please
visit our website

www.stedburghasyardley.com

or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for
more information and booking.

17th December

Christmas Wreath/table/door
decoration making 2 sessions

Starting 17:30 & 20:00 – Cost

£23.00 which includes

everything needed to make

wreaths. Refreshments are also

included in the cost. All you

need to bring are sharp scissors

or secateurs.

Booking is essential on:-0121-
291-0401

Other Notices

6th & 7th December

Christmas Tree Festival

By candle-light

Saturday 6th 13:00 – 18:30

Sunday 7th 12:30 – 16:30

Free Entry – Refreshments
available

**The funeral of Jill Bettam
will be held here at the
church this coming
Wednesday 12th
November at 11:30 a.m.**

**The Bible Discussion
Group meeting this
Wednesday has been
cancelled. We shall meet
again as usual on
Wednesday 26th
November at 2:30 p.m., in
the Trust School.**

Monthly Charity

COMBAT STRESS

We provide clinical treatment and support for veterans from the British Armed Forces, focusing on those with complex mental health issues resulting from their experiences during military service. When some military personnel leave service, their experiences can't easily be left behind. Without treatment, psychological trauma can eventually tear lives apart. We believe military trauma shouldn't destroy the lives of veterans and their families. For over a century, we've helped former servicemen and women with mental health problems such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression.

Combat Stress is the UK's leading veterans' mental health charity, the work we do is life-changing and often life-saving. No one else does what we do. We provide the only intensive mental health treatment service to UK veterans. Our services are provided across the UK, in-person and online. At a time that can be isolating and daunting, we're here to help.

Here to help 24/7

FREE HELPLINE: [0800 138 1619](tel:08001381619)

TEXT: [07537 173 683](tel:07537173683)

EMAIL: helpline@combatstress.org.uk



Christmas Table Sale

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas presents??

Have a look at our St. Edburgha goods:-
Jams, Chutneys and hand-made Christmas Cards, on the table at
the front of the North aisle.



Saturday 22nd November, 2025

10: 30 am–12:30 pm

Come and join us for the beginning of our adventure in Messy Church. Aimed at families with 0–11-year-olds.

We'll create together, play together and eat together. Each session will be themed, and we'll have a short story from the Bible.

(Registration Forms at the back of the Church)

General enquiries: The Parish Office, Church Hall, Church Road, B33 8PD email: stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com

0121 783 4736. The Parish Office is normally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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