



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 9th November 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Richard Brazier

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 705:** Our God, our help in ages past

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit



Opening Responses *based on Psalm 46*

Minister: We come together to worship God

**All: We gather to offer our praise
and thanksgiving**

Minister: God is our refuge and strength

All: A very present help in times of trouble

Minister: Come, behold the works of the Lord

All: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth

Minister: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear

All: Be still and know that He is God

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Prayers of Adoration and confession followed by The Lord's Prayer Welcome and Notices

*** Hymn:** Hope for the world's despair: *Tune: R&S 207 Love Unknown*

I Hope for the world's despair:

we feel the nations' pain;

can anything repair

this broken earth again?

For this we pray:

in every place

a spark of grace

to light the way.

**2 Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.**

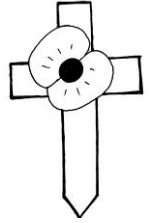
**3 Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.**

**4 Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.**

**5 Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.**

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Introduction



CITATION

*Minister: They shall grow not old,
All: as we who are left grow old.
Minister: Age shall not weary them,
All: nor the years condemn.
Minister: At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
All: We will remember them.
Silence is kept
Minister: When you go home tell them of us and say:
All: For your tomorrow we gave our today

Remaining standing we sing as a prayer:

**1. 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.**

**2. Lord be our nation's light,
guide us in truth and right:
in you we stand;
give us your faithfulness,
keep us from selfishness,
raise us to godliness:
God save our land!**

**3. Lord make your mercies known
not on this land alone
but on each shore.
Soon may the nations be
in love and unity,
and form one family
the whole world o'er.**

v.1 Anon v.2 Jubilate Hymns v.3 William Edward Hickson (1803-70) altd.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Psalm 98 O.T. p.503
Luke 20.27-38 N.T. p.71
this morning's reader is Jo Smith
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 635:** Put peace into each other's hands

Sermon: Heaven – and The Poetry of Hope

Followed by silent reflection Sermon notes are available

OUR RESPONSE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*** Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.** *Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

***Hymn: 486:** By gracious powers *(Tune: Finlandia)*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Coffee in the Church Hall.