

Reflection for Remembrance Sunday

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

As a Royal Naval veteran, the season of Remembrance holds a special place in my heart, and it is a privilege to be with you all this morning as we gather to remember.

On this Remembrance Sunday, we will all pause for 2 minutes in silence and stillness to honour those who gave their lives in war, both military and civilian, and those who continue to serve their countries in the cause of peace. Their sacrifice calls us to gratitude, but also to responsibility, as we remember not only those who were lost, but what those who died hoped for: a world where justice, peace and compassion prevail.

This morning, as we lay our wreaths, as we listen to the haunting notes of the Last Post, as we bow our heads and remember, may our remembrance move beyond silence into action. While we may feel so far removed from the wars that continue overseas, may we be peacemakers in our families, in our community here in St Thomas, and in our wider world. And may God, who brings light out of darkness and life out of death, grant us the courage and the will to live as people of peace, hope, and reconciliation.

Revd Sarah



NEXT SUNDAY 16.11.25 Safeguarding Sunday

10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Malachi 4: 1-2a



NT 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

GOSPEL Luke 21: 5-19

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St Thomas, Exeter

9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

**10.50am in the Churchyard then into Church
for the Eucharist**

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

15 *All my hope on God is founded*

54 *Be still, my soul*

139 *For the healing of the nations*

366 *O God our help in ages past*

National Anthem

Tuesday 11th November

11am Act of Remembrance at the War
Memorial in the Churchyard

7.30pm House Group. Pre-advent course.
At Helen's house

Wednesday 12th November

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 13th November

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter at Jenny
Tuckett's house

Friday 14th November

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting



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

Job 19: 23-27a

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm

and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Luke 20 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Notices

Thank you to all those who donated Bibles and Theological literature on Bible Sunday. These have been passed on to a charity who will distribute them in the African sub-continent and have been very gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity in giving others the gift of God's word.

On Remembrance Sunday 9 November from 2.30-4.30pm, please Come and Remember.

An opportunity to drop in to church, share stories, and light a candle in memory of a loved one. Refreshments will be available. Do come, and spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours.

We will be conducting a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the churchyard at 11am on Tuesday 11 November. You are all welcome to join us.

Next Sunday, we welcome Bishop Moira who will preach and preside at our 10.30am service. We very much look forward to worshipping with her then.

Our Community Pioneer Liz and Rev Sarah are running two sessions for making **Advent windows** on Tuesday 25th and Sunday 30th November in the Hall. More details to follow.

From 8th to 13th November the Mint Methodist Church will be hosting **Let's Face It!**, a powerful exhibition about homelessness. On Saturday 8th, there will be an evening concert given by Rhys Wynn Jones (AKA The Night Pianist). The concert is free to attend, but donations are welcomed.

