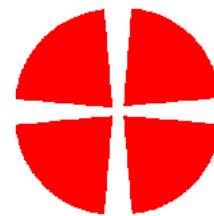


Church of
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St Mark's & Putnoe Heights Church, Bedford



Methodist
Church

Remembrance Sunday 2005

Verse of Scripture Psalm 121.1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Welcome

Minister: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us

Introduction

Minister: We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Hymn

HP 28 O Worship the King

Act of Penitence

Minister: 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 wills for his children.



**All: Most merciful God,
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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance *(all standing)*

Minister: 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 others.

Placing of the Wreath

(The wreath is now brought forward and placed at the altar)

The Silence

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

All: We will remember them.

Minister: 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; fulfill in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Commitment *(Please be seated)*

The Children of Junior Church

Act of Commitment

Minister: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and others: 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.

**All: Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and others,
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.**

National Anthem

1 God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

2 Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

3 Nor on this land alone—
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

Offering

**All: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you:
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to your will. Amen**

Hymn

MP 170 Give thanks (On Partnership News)

The Collect

Bible Readings

Please see the readings in your copy of Partnership News

At the end of each reading -

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

H&P 699 Lord of creation

Sermon

The Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman

Hymn

H&P 776 Make me a channel of your peace

Prayers

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**

Hymn

784 Thy hand O God

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. Amen.