

# **St Bartholomew's Church Barrow**



## **Remembrance Sunday**



# Covid-19 Notice

*Welcome to our service today. We want to make sure that everyone is kept safe and the risk of infection is minimised. Please maintain social distance from other people who you do not live with. Please wear a face covering if possible. Please do not join in with the hymns, we will listen rather than sing.*

## The Gathering

*Please stand as the ministers enter*

The Lord be with you  
*All*    **And also with you**

*The minister introduces the service*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all  
who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

# Prayers of Penitence

*A minister introduces the prayers of penitence*

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.

*After a short silence, all say*

**All    Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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, our God.  
Amen.**

*The minister pronounces the absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
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.**

## Praise

*We listen to the hymn 'O God our help in ages past.'*

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 troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

# The Collect

*The minister introduces the Collect*

Let us pray

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.**

## The Act of Remembrance

*A time of silence is kept*

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

*Psalms 46.1*

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.

*Lamentations 3.21-23*

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

*The roll of honour is read*

*A person says*

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 affirm*

*All*    **We will remember them.**

*The beginning of the silence is introduced by the sounding of the Last Post.*

*Two-minutes silence is kept.*

*The completion of the silence may be signalled by the sounding of Reveille.*

*The minister prays*

Ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered from  
the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

*Wreaths or other symbols of remembrance and hope are laid by  
representatives from our community at the back of church.*

*A list of the Barrowmore Bomb victims is read*

*The minister prays*

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;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

## **Praying Together**

*Our prayers are led using these or other suitable words*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women  
who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief  
and the sadness of our loss;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give 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;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence  
the anger and hatreds of humanity;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give 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 for reconciliation and peace;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give peace.**

For our nation in the midst of the Covid pandemic,  
for all involved in public health and essential services,  
we ask your strength and your guidance;  
for those who are sick and those who mourn  
we ask your healing and comfort;

may God give peace.

*All*    **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose 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 for ever. **Amen.**  
Gathering our prayers into one,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*    **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.**

## **Notices**

*We listen to the notices*

# Responding in Hope and Commitment

*The minister reads the Kohima Epitaph, carved on the Memorial of the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Division in the cemetery of Kohima (North-East India)*

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

*The minister leads the Act of Commitment*

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living  
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

*All*    **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

*All*    **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

*All*    **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.

*All*    **Amen.**

# The Blessing

*The minister pronounces the Blessing*

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

*The National Anthem is sung.*

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.