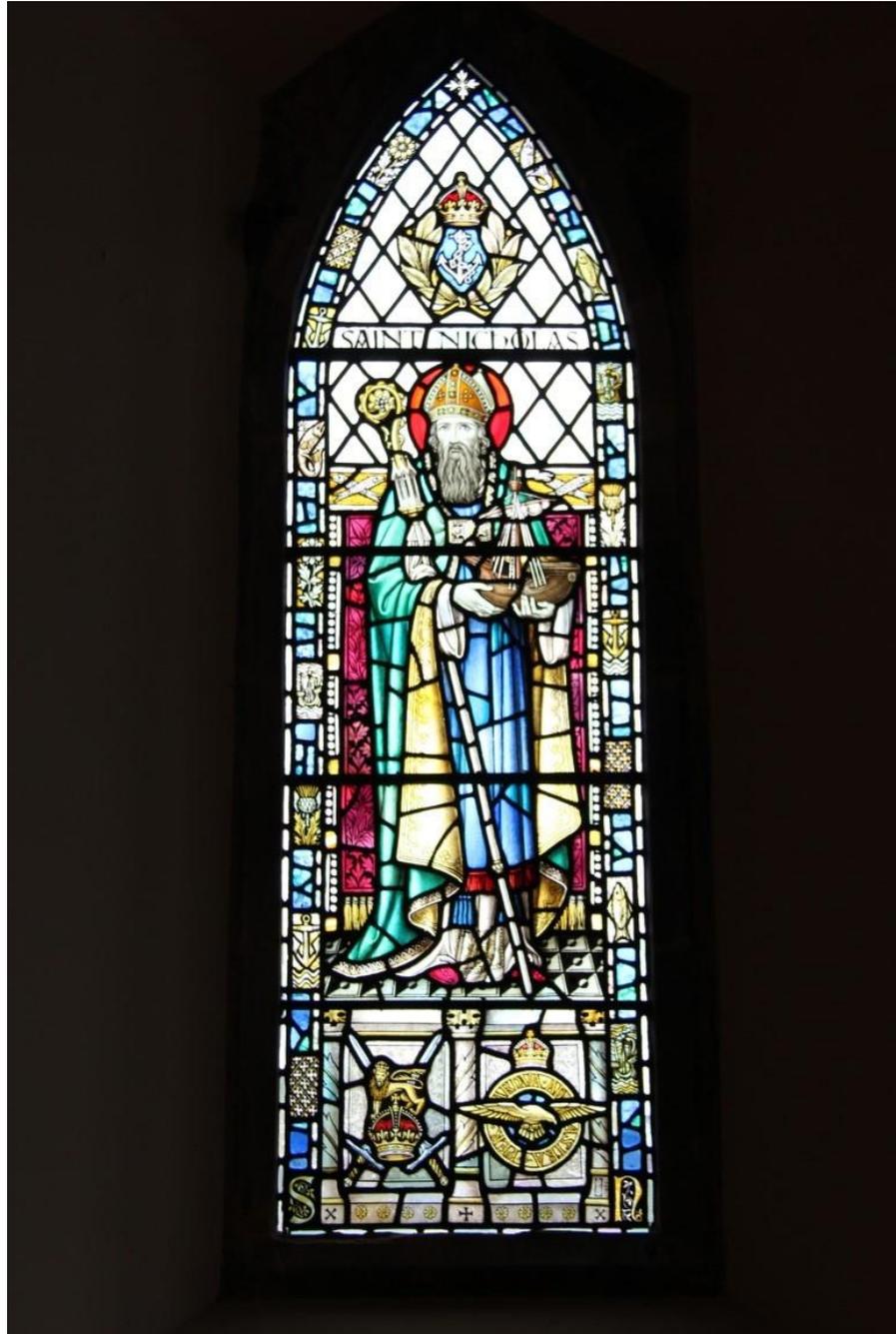


# St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane



Remembrance Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

# *A warm welcome to St Mary's!*

For a hundred years, Remembrance Sunday has drawn human beings together in a way that's unique. Both young and old gather to reflect and remember. Only some have personal memories of past wars, only some are directly affected by current conflict but all come together to bring to mind the reality of war and its dreadful cost and to honour those who lost their lives.

As Christians, remembering is an important part of what we do in our worship every Sunday. We remember the promises Jesus made; we remember the wonderful mysteries of our faith; at communion, as we take the bread and the wine, we respond to Jesus' instruction at the last supper to 'do this in remembrance of me' and we remember the amazing transformative power of God's spirit which is alive within us and between us. We remember all these things, not to dwell in the past, but in order to learn from them and to be reinvigorated by them for the future. And we do the same on Remembrance Sunday.

Today, the memorial wreath will be placed at the St Nicholas window, unveiled seventy years ago, in May 1950, in memory of those members of St Mary's who lost their lives in the Second World War. According to Vestry minutes, it was because most of them had died at sea that a design featuring the figure of St Nicholas, patron saint of sailors, was chosen. Under the window is a plaque listing the names of the seven young men who are remembered by it: Ronald Gutteridge, William and Alastair Guthrie, Frank Wilson, Fredrick Lax, John Fowler, Allan Heywood Ball. We also remember Robert Thomas Stewart, a member of St Mary's who died in the First World War.

As we remember them, we will also pray for all victims of war and for peace in those areas of our world where conflict is still happening.

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## PREPARATION

### *Welcome*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Opening hymn*

*We stay seated, silently reading the words and listening to the tune*

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

*Fred Kaan*

## ***Confession and Absolution***

God is love and we are God's children,  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Gloria***

*(we stay seated)*

Organ: *Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

Organ: *Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

Organ: *Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### ***Collect***

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### ***Readings***

1 Corinthians 15.51-57; John 6.37-40

### ***Address***

#### ***A hymn for reflection***

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend,  
through thorny way leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Katherine von Schlegel*

### *Prayers of Intercession*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### *Act of Remembrance*

*We stand*

Let us remember before God men and women of all nations who have died as a result of tyranny or war; those who we have known, those

whose memories we treasure, and those whose names are engraved in this church.

*A wreath is laid at the War Memorial.*

*An older person says:* They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

*A younger person replies:* At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

*All affirm:* **We will remember them.**

### ***The two-minute silence***

*Remember before God all the troubled places of the world and pray for its peace.*

*Remember those who have suffered and are suffering as the result of war and all who are persecuted for objecting to war.*

*Ask God's blessing upon all who have died and those who are bereaved.*

### ***Prayer***

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. **Amen.**

### **Act of Commitment**

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. Am**

## **CONCLUSION**

### ***Final Hymn***

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy  
blast,  
and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the  
night  
before the rising sun.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be Thou our guard while troubles  
last,  
and our eternal home.

*William Croft*

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### ***Dismissal***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**