



Trinity Church Mill Hill

(United Reformed and Methodist)

Minister: Revd. David Newton

Charity No: 1140176

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Sunday 12 November 2023

Order of Service

Worship this morning is led by Dr Richard Bingle

Organist/Pianist: Tim Peake

The Congregation stands to receive the Bible.

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn, StF83 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels in the height, adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 – 1847).

Prayer of Approach

O God, our heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together to worship you this morning, and to renew our fellowship with each other.

On this Remembrance Sunday we recall and give thanks for the sacrifice of the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who died in the two world wars of the twentieth century and in more recent conflicts across the world. And we pray for those they left behind, sons, brothers and sisters, daughters and friends, who mourned their loss for many years. And we pray for those suffering in the present conflicts in the Middle East, and their friends and relatives in this country.

Eternal God, our only hope in time of trouble: help the nations of the world to work out their differences. Do not let threats multiply, or power be used without compassion. May your word rule the words of world leaders, so that they may agree and settle claims peacefully. Restrain those who are impulsive, that desire for vengeance may not overwhelm our common welfare. Give peace in our time, O Lord, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you, of your mercy, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and to direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 that 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, StF132, 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.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their cares and fears,
are carried downward by the flood,
and lost in following years.

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 life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748).

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Bible Readings:

Psalm 46

Matthew 5:43-48

Love for enemies

Bugle

Silent Remembrance (two minutes)

They shall not grow 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.
Laurence Binyon

On the memorial at Kohima
When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today.

Hymn, Stf705, It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand

It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
it is God who builds the City on the Rock and not on sand:
may the living God be praised!

It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;
in the discipline of freedom we shall know God's saving power:
may the living God be praised!

When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate
those who win our admiration by their service to the state;
when self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great:
may the living God be praised!

God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease:
for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;
may all races live together, share its riches, be at peace:
may the living God be praised!

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Hymn, Stf131, By a monument of marble,

By a monument of marble,
or a simple wooden cross,
here we gather to remember
sacrifice and tragic loss.
Blood-red poppy petals flutter,
each a symbol for a life,
drifting in a crimson curtain,
shadow of our constant strife.

Solemn silence now surrounds us
as we stand in memory.
Why must factions stir up conflict?
This eternal mystery
troubles hearts and stirs the conscience,
urges us to think again;
face the curse of confrontation,
yet reduce this searing pain.

For the sound of war still thunders
through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer,
even as we meet to pray.
God, we need your help and guidance
in our constant search for peace.
Move us on to new solutions
as we pray that wars may cease.

Marjorie Dobson (b. 1940)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer for the Day

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,

that peoples and nations may find their security
in the love which casts out fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Offertory and Dedication

Hymn, StF706, Longing for light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Benediction

Sung Amen, R&S 20(b).



NOTICES

Services in November / December

Nov 19 th	Revd David Newton Church meeting.
Nov 26 th	Worship Group.
Dec 3 rd	Dr. Richard Bingle.
Dec 10 th	Revd. David Newton. Gift Service.
Dec 17 th	Carol Service. 4pm followed by Christmas tea.
Dec 24 th	Revd. David Newton Holy Communion
Dec 25 th	Revd. David Newton 11am.
Dec 31 st	United Circuit Service at Edgware Methodist Church

Services will be both in church and available via Zoom, unless noted otherwise. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served at the end of the Service. Do stay if you can.

Sun 19 Nov. Church Meeting after Morning Worship.

Sun 26 Nov. Young people's get together after morning worship.

Open House

Thurs. 16 Nov. 2pm. Open House. Simon Brown "Myself and life in general. All welcome either in person at The Eversfield Centre or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81830916153?pwd=VUtWVzhiejlCMWR6clcrcVZOU0xZZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 3091 6153

Passcode: 846102

To connect by ordinary telephone, call one of the following local (London) numbers and follow the voice instructions.

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Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

Please support this appeal. Emergency appeal envelopes are available today.

Flower and Coffee rotas

Please sign up if you can help.

Birthday List

We would like to celebrate all church member birthdays by giving the flower display after each Sunday service, to the celebrant(s). The floral gift is yours to keep at home or give away. To make this happen we are putting together our church birthday diary. Please send your birth month to Alex Priddy at abedurc@gmail.com. Please note, you are also welcome to share your birthdate, if you wish to be remembered on your special day. Thank you.

Offerings Paid by Cash

Due to changes made by banks, it has become increasingly difficult for us to bank offerings received in cash, whether in envelopes or placed on the offering plate. You are therefore asked, if possible, to make your offerings using an alternative method in future. There are a number of alternatives:

- by cheque, payable to Trinity Church Mill Hill
- by bank transfer to the church bank account, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No: 00008484
- by Standing Order. A form to do this can be obtained from myself or from Zoe Kattah.

If you do not already do so, please consider Gift Aiding your offering, if you pay income tax, thereby increasing the amount by 25%. A Gift Aid Declaration form can be obtained from Zoe or myself. Gift aided donations require you to use of an offering envelope.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

David Horrex. Freewill Offering and Gift Aid Secretary



Thank you to all who continue to bring donations for the Food Bank. They are much appreciated. The need does not go down; the numbers queuing outside the Foodbank on Tuesdays and Thursdays increase. We are told that for the first time ever, the Foodbank has run out of pasta and baked beans and are asking for donations of those as well as the usual items. Tinned fruit is also requested in the summer. Let us go on bringing our donations as and when we are able.

Bible Study

Bible Study 12th December 2023, 7.30pm, to be held in a hybrid format via zoom and in person in the chapel.

Recording the service

Whilst there is a facility to record the service on Zoom we do not currently do so. If you wish to have a record of the sermon or talk, we are delighted you feel it is worth studying, so please ask one of the Elders who will endeavour to arrange a copy to be forwarded to you by email.

A reminder that any electronic recording of the service must be with prior permission of the elders, preacher and worship leaders. Once permission is granted this should be done from the front of the congregation to avoid recording anything other than the service content.

In the event that the emergency alarm sounds, leave the building calmly and immediately by the nearest escape route and assemble outside Pizza Express. Do not wait for instructions, do not use the lift.

Able-bodied be prepared to help those with impaired mobility if asked. Please note that the fire wardens in an emergency are the elders on duty each Sunday. The elder's duty rota is available on the notice board.