St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday Before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**13th November 2016**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 166 ‘Crown him with many crowns’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

After a period for silent reflection:

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest: 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.**

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord

***(sing)* God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi** *(Mal 4. 1–2a)*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)* 355 ‘I vow to thee, my country’

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** *(2 Thess 3. 6–13)*

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**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 427 ‘For the healing of the nations’

The Gospel

Priest: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 21. 5–19)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And Jesus said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

##### The sermon

*We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

The prayers are led by a member of the congregation. Each section ends:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington (3) Su Williams, Etheline Worrall, Eleanor Moran, Walter Latimer (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Michael O’Brien, Graeme McGregor, Joyce Hetherington (1) Mary Lowe, May Jones, Bill Williams, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries
* **any who have died**: Reggie Wright, Dot Cox, Annette Shaw, Mal Hogden
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Wilf Barnett

***Tuesday:*** Marj Hobson

***Thursday:*** Vera Keddie, Sheila Jones

***Saturday:*** Doris Lee

*After the final petition:*

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest:To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  ‘I have a dream’, a man once said,

‘where all is perfect peace;

where men and women, black and white,

stand hand in hand, and all unite

in freedom and in love.’

But in this world of bitter strife

the dream can often fade;

reality seems dark as night,

we catch but glimpses of the light

Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecutions, war, and hate

are raging everywhere;

God calls us now to pay the price

through struggles and through sacrifice

of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,

but never be content;

for thoughts and words don’t ease the pain:

unless there’s action, all is vain;

faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,

help us to do your will:

don’t let us rest until we see

your love throughout humanity

uniting us in peace.

Eucharistic Prayer E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness if sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Saint Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: 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.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*(sing)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord

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Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

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Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, before whose face we stand,

your earthly children, fashioned by your hand,

hear and behold us, for to you alone

all hearts are open, all our longings known:

so for our world, and for ourselves we pray

the gift of peace, O Lord, in this our day.

We come with grief, with thankfulness and pride,

to hold in honour those who served and died;

we bring our hurt, our loneliness and loss,

to him who hung forsaken on the cross;

who, for our peace, our pains and sorrows bore,

and with the Father lives for evermore.

O Prince of Peace, who gave for us your life,

look down in pity on our sin and strife.

May this remembrance move our hearts to build

a peace enduring, and a hope fulfilled,

when every flag of tyranny is furled

and wars at last shall cease in all the world.

From earth’s long tale of suffering here below

we pray the fragile flower of peace may grow,

till cloud and darkness vanish from our skies

to see the Sun of Righteousness arise.

When night is past and peace shall banish pain,

all shall be well, in God’s eternal reign.

**After Communion:**

*After a period for silent prayer:*

Priest: Let us pray:

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**

##### The Act of Remembrance *(please remain kneeling):*

Prayers will be offered, concluding with the Citation. The response following

‘We will remember them’ is **‘We will remember them’.**

This is followed by ‘Last Post’ and silence. After the silence, *Reveille* is played and a final prayer is offered. *Please then remain kneeling to sing:*

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came

Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;

Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,

Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

These were his servants, in his steps they trod,

Following through death the martyred Son of God:

Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise

They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

Still stands the Cross from that dread hour to this,

Like some bright star above the dark abyss;

Still, through the veil, the Victor’s pitying eyes

Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,

Whose cross has brought them and whose staff has led,

In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land

Commits her children to thy gracious hand.

Priest:Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn:** 537 ‘O God our help in ages past’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ

Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 15th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

8.00pm PCC meeting in church

Wed 16th: 10.45am Funeral of Dot Cox

7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 17th: 10.30am Eucharist with Year 5

Sat 19th: 9.30am Hall open to set up for Fair

1.00pm Christmas Fair opens

**Next Sunday The Sunday next before Advent**

**(20th Nov) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Tea and Coffee:** will be served after this morning’s service. Do please join us.

**The Christmas Fair:** is just a few days away. We have made big changes to make it a more exciting day, including a special Santa’s Workshop with lots of activities for the children and for adults too. **So please**:

* Come and help if you possibly can – lots of different jobs available, some can be done sitting down!
* invite everyone you know to come along – there are invitations to hand out this morning.
* display a poster at home, at your club(s) shops or elsewhere!
* continue to sell Grand Draw Tickets and invite people to come to the Fair
* If you can’t help, please come and support us. It is our Fair.

##### Thank you

**St Andrew’s Day:** We will celebrate our Patronal Festival on Sunday 27th November at 10.00am. We will be joined by children from school, together with their families. Please do make a special effort to join us that Sunday – it would be really good to have everyone in church on this special occasion. Offers of refreshments gratefully received.

**Help needed** to set up for Christmas Fair. **Friday afternoon** from 2.00pm to put up stalls, grotto, and decorations. No goods on the stalls until **Saturday morning** from 9.30am. Stalls will be finished ready for the opening. Please arrive early. Sandwich lunches will be available in the Hall.

**Hand bills to be delivered** – please take some for your street and to give to friends and family. **Please publicise WIDELY!**

**Please display POSTERS and take to clubs, shops etc**

**many Draw Tickets still to be sold** – one last push please

**2nd prize christmas Hamper** – would you contribute one item, please?

**Coach Trip** – to Meadow Hall Shopping complex in Sheffield. Sat 6th December if there’s sufficient interest. Cost approx £7 - £10 depending on numbers. Please sign up today.

**The Second Sunday before Advent 13th November 2016**

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

(All kneel)

Leader: Hear our prayers, heavenly Father, for the peace of the world; for statesmen and rulers that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right …

for all who work to improve international relationships that they might reconcile people of different race, colour and creed …

for men and women the world over that they may have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful Father, hear our prayers for your Church around the world, that it might be your instrument of justice and love in our war-torn world.

We bring before you the leaders of our Church, that they may exercise their positions of authority wisely and for the good of all your people.

And so we pray for all the troubled spots in our world – both those known to us today and also those known only to you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for all who suffer as a result of war:

for the injured and disabled,

for the mentally distressed,

and for those whose faith in you has been weakened or destroyed…

for the homeless, migrants and refugees,

for those who are hungry,

and for those who have lost their livelihood or security…

for those who mourn their dead,

for those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents,

and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And so, Father, we commend to your love all those who are ill at this time and who have asked our prayers, including Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Su Williams, Etheline Worrall, Eleanor Moran, Walter Latimer, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Michael O’Brien, Graeme McGregor, Joyce Hetherington, Mary Lowe, May Jones, Bill Williams, Barbara Cook and Kirsty Humphries. May they find wholeness and healing in you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, whose dominion extends over all life, hear our prayers for the faithful departed who have passed into your glorious kingdom, both Reggie Wright, Dot Cox, Annette Shaw and Mal Hogden who have died recently, and Wilf Barnett whose year’s mind falls today.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have laid down their lives in war for the good of others.

May your whole Church, living and departed, come to a joyful resurrection in the city of eternal light.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints in glory.

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

##### The Act of Remembrance *(please remain kneeling):*

Priest: Let us remember all who have died in war:

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 Saviour. Amen

*The Citation:*

Jenny: 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.**

This is followed by ‘***Last Post***’ and silence.

Then ***Reveille***, followed by:

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love and power; have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; though him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

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