

# **Haig Housing**

## **Service of Remembrance**

**Monday 11th November 2024**

**Armistice Day**



***'Lest we forget'***

**The Reverend Al Wenham  
St George's Church, Anglican Diocese of  
Southwark**

## The Introduction

*The Chaplain greets the congregation with these words:*

We have come together to worship Almighty God; to offer him praise and thanksgiving for our nation's deliverance in time of war; to recall to our minds those who through death, injury or bereavement, suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; to seek his forgiveness for our failure to achieve reconciliation between the nations, and to ask for strength to overcome evil and injustice wherever it is found.

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

He also said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

### ***"If we must die" – Claude McKay***

*Read by Patrick Lyster-Todd  
Representing Haig Staff*

If we must die, let it not be like hogs  
hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,  
while round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,

making their mock at our accursed lot.  
If we must die, O let us nobly die,  
so that our precious blood may not be shed  
in vain; then even the monsters we defy  
shall be constrained to honour us though dead!  
O kinsmen! We must meet the common foe!  
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,  
and for their thousand blows deal one deathblow!  
What though before us lies the open grave?  
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back.

## **Act of Remembrance**

*The Reverend Al Wenham*

Let us remember with gratitude those who, in the  
cause of peace and the service of their fellow citizens,  
died for their country in time of war and conflict;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we  
treasure and all who have lived and died in the service  
of humankind.

## **The Exhortation**

*Read by Tom Quaye, Trustee*

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.

**We will remember them**

## **Last Post**

### **The 2 Minutes' Silence**

## **The Rouse**

### **Reading**

John 15: 9-17

*Read by Captain Tim Stockings Royal Navy  
Representing Haig Housing Trust*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now  
remain in my love.

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain  
in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and  
that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: love each other as I have loved  
you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's  
life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command.  
I no longer call you servants, because a servant does  
not know his master's business. Instead, I have called

you friends, for everything that I learned from my  
Father I have made known to you.  
You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed  
you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will  
last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the  
Father will give you.  
This is my command: love each other.

## **Thanks be to God**

## **Prayers**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and  
ask that God may give us peace: for the Servicemen  
and women who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God; through  
their sacrifice:

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service:  
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.  
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

May God grant us peace  
**Lord grant your peace**

for those who grieve the fallen

May God grant them peace  
**Lord grant your 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 grant them peace  
**Lord grant your peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who  
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God grant them peace  
**Lord grant your peace**

For all who are leaders, political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and  
resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

May God grant them peace  
**Lord grant your peace**

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O God of truth and justice,  
As we grieve those who have died for our

freedom,  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this  
broken world,  
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**

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Oh Prince of peace,  
Bring your peace into our disordered world.  
Come now to live in our hearts.  
Bring your order into our chaos.

Hasten the day when you will come again, and  
all men will acknowledge your sovereign rule.  
In your name we ask this. Amen.

## **Kohima Epitaph**

*Read by Michael Whatley  
On behalf of our Veterans*

When you go home tell them of us and say:  
'For Your tomorrow, we gave our today'

## **Laying of Wreaths**

Councillor Dennis Pearce, on behalf of the Mayor of the London  
Borough of Merton

Haig Housing – Mr Tom Quaye, Trustee

South London Nepalese (Ghurkha) Association – Mr Khum  
Kanwar, Chairperson

Rotary Club of Morden – Margaret Redway, President

## **Planting of Crosses In Flanders Fields**

**by John McCrae, 3 May 1915**

*Read by Helen Bailey on behalf of Haig Residents*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw



The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## **Blessing**

May the God of all power and might  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Although the Lawrence Weaver Institute has now closed for redevelopment, some of us may retire on completion to the George Inn on the Epsom-London Road and you are welcome to join us

