

Remembrance Sunday

9th November 2025 (10.45am)

Led by Laurence Wareing & Fiona Bennett



10.45am Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: God of the past

ALL: Source of all being

One: God of the present

ALL: Saviour beside us

One: God of the future

ALL: Shaper of hope

One: God beyond time

ALL: Holy three in one, we worship you.

Hymn: Lord for the years CH4 159

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Opening Prayer with Movement

Introduce Focusing Movement:

God of the past who has father and mothered us (point behind)

God of the future who is always ahead of us (point in front)

God of the present, who is here in the midst of us (hands open)

God of all time, we offer you our worship and praise.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Poppies Act of Remembrance & Silence

Poppy Prayer Activity

Commitment to Peace

ALL: 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.

Hymn: What shall we pray CH4 712

What shall we pray for those who died,
those on whose death our lives relied?
Silenced by war but not denied,
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who mourn
friendships and love, their fruit unborn?
Though years have passed, hearts still are torn:
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who live
tied to the past they can't forgive,
haunted by terrors they relive?
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who know
nothing of war, and cannot show
grief or regret for friend or foe?
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who fear
war, in some guise, may re-appear
looking attractive and sincere?
God give them peace.

God give us peace and, more than this,
show us the path where justice is;
and let us never be remiss
working for peace that lasts.

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Reading Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

To be a Peacemaker? Reflection Activities

- **Craft - Poppy Prayer River**
- **Reflection & Discussion - What does it mean to be a Peacemaker?**

John Paul Lederach's Core learning from 40 years experience of mediation and peacemaking is: 'Enduring social change for the common good is relationship centred, rising from the quality of our relationships. Ultimately our security is based on the quality of our relationships and not the quantity of our weapons.'

- *How can we strengthen the quality of our relationships to build peace within our lives and world?*

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace CH4 528

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

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Prayers of the People

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Notices

Hymn: I have a dream CH4 710

'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
Where ages, genders, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.'

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.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 9 th Nov	10.45 am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Lawrence is preaching an interactive worship followed by a Soup Lunch
2 minutes silence		11am		For Remembrance Sunday
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 9 th Nov	12 noon	Online	
Soup lunch	Sun 9 th Nov	12 noon	AUC	To enable folk to stay on for the Church Meeting – all welcome
AUC Church Meeting	Sun 9 th Nov	12.30-2pm	AUC and Online	Everyone is welcome to attend Church Meeting. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Linda (secretary@augustine.org.uk)
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 12 th Nov	7.30-8.30pm	Online	Haggi 1:15b-2:9 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 13 th Nov	12 noon - 1pm	Online	Haggi 1:15b-2:9 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
AUC Winter Tea	Sat 15 th Nov	2-3.30pm	Sanctuary	Delicious food, conversation and a seasoning of entertainment. Please let us know if you can join us by emailing Moira (moira.holmes@augustine.org.uk) or phoning Rachel 0131 2201677
Sunday Worship	Sun 16 th Nov	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Carol is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 16 th Nov	12 noon	Online	
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 16 th Nov	12.45-3.15pm	Sanctuary	The course is for people who want to understand the climate emergency and to learn what they can do to tackle it. For more information and to register your interest please email Katrina (katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk)

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