



WW1 Whitton Remembers



'At the Going Down of the Sun'



The Service today draws to a close the week of events in the parish to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. It has been our privilege as a church to offer the various opportunities for reflection to the adults and children of the parish. Tomorrow at 10.15 we gather for a short service and the Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at the memorial in the churchyard on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 100 years after its declaration.

Today we are delighted that the Rt Reverend Dr Mike Harrison Bishop of Dunwich is with us to mark this important occasion and we extend a very warm welcome to The Worshipful The Mayor of Ipswich Cllr. Jane Riley, M.P. Dr Dan Poulter and His Honour Judge Martyn Levett. Also, to the 188 Squadron Air Training corps and The Suffolk & Royal Anglian Regiment Old Comrades Association.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the huge number of people who have made the events of the week and today possible, too many to name. but event and especially to Mrs Kirsty Marjoram whose idea was the seed for these events and the organising committee who made the seed grow. Mr Jim Manning, Mr Ray Boggis, Mrs Sheila Brookes, Mrs Pam Neesam Mr Paul Hesketh and The Revd Eric Falla. Thanks especially to Paul Hesketh for creativity and imagination in his writing of 'Experience Remembrance' which some 300 children have enjoyed over the past week. To Mrs Katrina Robertson who came on board in the last 6 weeks as Project Coordinator, without whom we would not have achieved all we have.

For the music thanks to Mr Robert Marjoram Director of Music here and the Choir of Whitton Church, soloist Rebecca Newman and The Whitton Children's Community Choir 'W3C's'.

*The reverend Mary Sokanovic
Priest-in-Charge*

Processional Hymn ‘Lord for the Years’

Please stand to sing as the Choir and Ministers enter and Standards presented.

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 for 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 where we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
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.

Timothy Dudley Smith(b1926)

The Bidding and Opening Prayer

The Reverend Mary Sukanovic leads the bidding

Brothers and sisters in Christ for 100 years the nation has observed with great solemnity the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took

effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

By careful keeping of this remembrance we seek to take to heart the devastation and tragic loss of life incurred. We seek to learn lessons for the present and the future and we commemorate all whose lives were changed forever due to war, recalling all they did to ensure freedom and liberty for this and other nations.

We come to pray for protection for all who serve today in places of conflict, especially the forces of The Crown at this time deployed in various theatres of war and to remember their families and friends anxious for the safety of their loved one.

We come in penitence for the greed and violence and all that fallen humanity continues to do that scars the world: to pray for peace and liberty for all and to honour all who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for our liberty.

We come too in hope for the future where God's reign of justice, mercy and peace will be seen where war is no more and as brothers and sisters we may live in harmony and peace.

Let us pray

**God of light and love,
in your tender compassion
you sent your Son to shine on those who sit in darkness
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Grant us, in our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do.
By your spirit of wisdom, save us from false choices,
and, since it is by your light that we are enlightened,
lead us and protect us,
and give us a straight path to follow,
that we may neither stumble nor fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit
one God now and forever.
Amen**

Please sit as The Reverend Mary Sokanovic leads

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed
its evils and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You were born a Jew to reconcile the world
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

Absolution

The Bishop offers the absolution.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joys of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Reflections and stories.

Mrs Sheila Brooks and young people of the parish – Isobel Marjoram, Amélie Steward, Sophie Marjoram, Zac Newman and Esme Steward read

Extracts from Whitton School Log 1915-18

Mrs Samantha Dickens reads the war log of her Great Uncle William Henry Chapman, who is commemorated on our Memorial.

The Reverend Eric Falla reads the story of Bertram Victor Shemming.

Songs from WWI by children of W3C's 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'Pack up Your Troubles'.

First Reading – Micah 4 1-5

Read by Mrs Maureen Bonsall Lay Reader

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken. All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Choir Anthem

'We Will Remember Them' Ian Higginson

Second Reading – John 14 14-27

Read by Mrs Pamela Neesam

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Hymn

We stand to sing

Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray:
in every place
a spark of grace
to light the way

Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.

Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.

Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.

Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

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Please sit

The Address – the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison

Mrs Kirsty Marjoram leads the prayers

The Litany

Let us pray for all who suffer because of conflict,
and ask that God give us peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of
war, each one remembered and known to God.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of
our grief and the sadness of our loss.

God give us peace

God give us 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.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by
war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of
humanity.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political,
military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the
search for reconciliation and peace.

God give us peace

God give us peace

Most merciful Father,
accept our prayers
that we may know your peace in our hearts,
and your love in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

Please stand to sing

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Words Fred Kaan. Tune Stainer and Bell

Please sit as Wing Commander (Rtd) Ray Condon reads

‘The Call’ by William Noel Hodgeson

Ah! We have dwelt in Arcady long time
With sun and youth eternal round our ways
And in the magic of that golden clime
We loved the pageant of the passing days.

The wonderful white dawns of frost and flame
In winter, and the swift sun's upward leap;
Or summer's stealthy wakening that came
Soft as a whisper on the lips of sleep.

And there were woodland hollows of green lawn,
Where boys with windy hair and wine wet lips
Danced on the sun-splashed grass; and hills of dawn
That looked out seaward to the distant ships.

In infinite still night the moon swam low
And saffron in a silver dusted sky;
Beauty and sorrow hand in hand with slow
Soft wings and soundless passage wandered by.

And white roads vanishing beneath the sky
Called for our feet, and there were countless things
That we must see and do, while blood was high
And time still hovered on reluctant wings.

And these were good; yet in our hearts we knew
These were not all, - that still through toil and pains
Deeds of a purer lustre given to few,
Made for the perfect glory that remains.

And when the summons in our ears was shrill
Unshaken in our trust we rose, and then
Flung but a backward glance, and care-free still
Went strongly forth to do the work of men.

Please stand as Piper Martin Combes plays 'The Bloody Fields of Flanders' as the procession makes its way to The Sanctuary for the Act of Remembrance.

In the Sanctuary are 12 of the Armed Forces Covenant Silhouettes representing the 12 lives lost in Whitton during WW.

Remembering

The Reverend Mary Sokanovic leads.

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died over the generations
for their country in war;
those whom we knew,
and whose memory we treasure;
especially today all who died in the first world war,
and for all who have lived and died
in the service of humanity.

Mr Paul Martin from Hunnaball Family Funeral Directors says
They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

Zac Newman replies
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm
We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by playing of The Last Post by Mr Phil Hubert.

The completion of the silence is signalled by The Reveille
The Piper plays The Traditional Lament 'Flowers of the Forest'

Names of those commemorated on the memorial in the Churchyard are read by The Reverend Mary Sokanovic, The Reverend Eric Falla and Mrs Maureen Bonsall Lay Reader.

The following prayer is said by The Bishop:

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

Kohima Epitaph.

ATC Cadet Murphy says
When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

*The Worshipful The Mayor of Ipswich Cllr Jane Riley and Dr Dan Poulter
each lay a wreath.*

Please remain standing as Mr James Manning B.E.M. reads

‘Before Action’ by William Noel Hodgeson

By all the glories of the day,
And the cool evening's benison,
By that last sunset touch that lay,
Upon the hills when day was done,
By beauty lavishly outpoured,
And blessings carelessly received,
By all the days that I have lived,
Make me a soldier, Lord.

By all of man's hopes and fears,
And all the wonders poets sing,
The laughter of unclouded years,
And every sad and lovely thing;
By the romantic ages stored
With high endeavour that was his,
By all his mad catastrophes
Make me a man, O Lord.

I, that on my unfamiliar hill
Saw with uncomprehending eyes
A hundred of thy sunsets spill
Their fresh and sanguine sacrifice,
Ere the sun swings his noonday sword
Must say good-bye to all of this;-
By all delights that I shall miss,
Help me to die, O Lord.

*As the procession return to their seats Mrs Rebecca Newman
accompanied by Mr Robert Marjoram sings 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen,
reminding us that the Armistice was a 'Broken Hallelujah'.*

Act of Commitment

Please remain standing as the act of commitment is led by the Bishop

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.
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 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**

The National Anthem

Please stand to sing

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the queen.

Blessing

The Bishop

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people, peace and concord,
and to us and all his servants life everlasting,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen

Hymn

Please remain standing to sing as the standards are collected

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Organ Voluntary as The Procession exits



William Noel Hodgeson

Hodgeson was the fourth and youngest child of Henry Bernard Hodgeson, the first Bishop of the new Diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich founded in 1914. He entered into The School House of Durham School in September 1905 on a King's Scholarship. He left Durham in July 1911 for Oxford University where he was an exhibitioner of Christ Church.

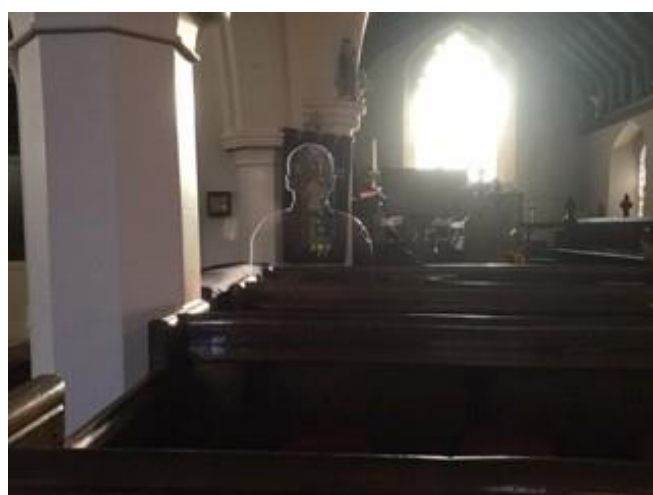
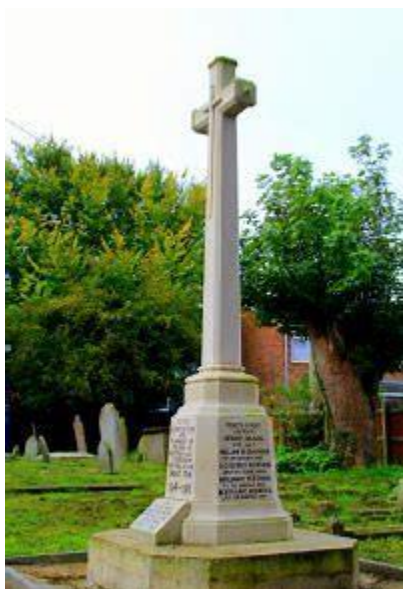
Known as "Smiler" to his friends, he volunteered for the British Army on the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 and served in the 9th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment. For the first year of the War he was training in England, before landing at Le Havre on 28 July 1915 and being sent to trenches near Festubert. His first major offensive came on 25 September during the Battle of Loos. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross for holding a captured trench for 36 hours without reinforcements or supplies during the battle and he was subsequently promoted to lieutenant.

He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme when attacking German trenches near Mametz.

He was bombing officer for his battalion during the attack, and was killed by a machine gun positioned at a shrine whilst taking grenades to the men in the newly captured trenches.

The bullet went through his neck, killing him instantly. He is buried in Grave 3, Row 'A' at Devonshire Cemetery in Mansell Copse.

The 10th Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich the Right Reverend Nigel Stock also attended Durham School where, on many occasions he looked across the chapel at the window dedicated to William Noel Hodgeson and where he won the Henry Hodgeson prize given by the first Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich to the school in memory of his son William Noel Hodgeson.



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