# All Hallows Parish Church On The Market Square Wellingborough



**A Service Of Reflection For** 

# **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm

Welcome to this evenings' time of Reflection in this ancient Parish Church in Wellingborough.

Our worship this evening includes two hymns for Remembrance Sunday. The names of all those who gave their lives from this church in the two World Wars will be read out during our prayers.

The choir will sing
The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

The work was commissioned for the millennium by Britain's Royal Armouries and dedicated to the victims of the Kosova crisis.

It is a contemporary example of a mass based on the 15<sup>th</sup>century French song *L'homme arme (The Armed Man).*The work sets sacred and secular texts within the framework of the Christian Mass. It includes the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei and finishes with a secular piece called Hymn before Action.

After each section the choir will sit as we pause for a time of quiet and reflection to ponder what has been sung.

Please do stay after the service for some wine or soft drinks in the nave.

# **Opening Hymn:**

Our 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 your throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thy 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

# Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bible reading Micah 4:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

#### The Armed Man

We remain seated whilst the choir sings:

**Kyrie.** Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Sanctus.** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,

heaven and earth are full of thy glory,

hosanna in the highest.

**Benedictus.** Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

**Agnus Dei.** For our Lord God almighty reigns Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy are you Lord God almighty, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy. Are you Lord God almighty?

Worthy is the Lamb. Amen Alleluia.

### Hymn of action.

The earth is full of anger, the seas are dark with wrath. The nations in their harness go up against the path. Ere yet we loose the legions, ere yet we draw the blade, Jehovah of the Thunders, Lord God of battles, aid!

High lust and forward bearing, proud heart rebellious brow, Deaf ear and soul uncaring, we seek thy mercy now! The sinner that forswore Thee, the fool that passed thee by, Our times are known before thee, Lord grant us strength to die, Lord, grant us strength to die, Lord, grant us strength to die! Prayers
Concluding with:

As our Saviour taught we pray with confidence

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.

## Closing Hymn

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at Thy behest; To Thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping, While earth rolls onward into light, Through all the world her watch is keeping, And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day, The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away: Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826~1893)

# The Blessing

Organ Voluntary: Rhosymedre. R Vaughan Williams (1872~1958)