DUNSTABLE
TOWN COUNCIL

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026



The Priory Church of St Peter, Dunstable

PRIORY CHURCH
DUNSTABLE

Please remain seated for the welcome from the Team Rector.

Please stand to sing the HYMN, during which Standards are presented.

O 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 thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine 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.

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

Isaac Watts (1674 –1748)

Please remain standing.

Revd Ricky We meet in the presence of God.
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.

A Prayer of Commemoration

Revd Matt 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 Lord.

All **Amen**.

Please sit.

Prayers of penitence

Revd Matt Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings
of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

All
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revd Matt May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priory Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd by Howard Goodall

Bible Reading - Revelation 21:1-7

Read by the Town Mayor, Councillor Richard Attwell

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Address

The Reverend Matt Renyard

Please stand to sing the HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace
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.

O 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.

O 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.

Sebastian Temple, 1967

Please sit.

Prayers for Peace led by Keith King

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

For the servicemen and servicewomen who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

may God give peace.
All **God give peace.**

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

may God give peace.
All **God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger today,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

may God give peace.
All **God give peace.**

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

may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

may God give peace.

All **God give 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;

may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and 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.

All **Amen.**

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.

Priory Choir

For the Fallen by Douglas Guest.

Please stand to sing the HYMN, during which the Standards are returned.

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859 –1918)

Please remain standing.

Act of Commitment

Revd Ricky Let us commit ourselves
to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All **We will.**

Merciful God, we offer 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.
All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

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

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

The Blessing

Revd Ricky God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all humanity, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Standards depart, followed by the ministers and the Civic Party.

There will be a retiring collection for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Donations can be made online via the QR code

Organ Voluntary played by Martin Hart

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