

The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

*We will
remember them*



A Service of Remembrance

(broadcast on Sunday 8th November 2020)

A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us online via our YouTube channel.

Officiating Minister: The Revd Robin Figg, Vicar

Opening sentences: Annette MacKenzie and Janet Thompson (*recorded at home*)

The Exhortation: The children of Yealand Primary School (*recorded at the Yealands War Memorial*)

Poem: Martin Smith (*recorded at the Yealands War Memorial*)

The prayers: Pam Bentley, Noeline Clarke, Chris Hopwood, Clare Hunter, Jim Stokes, Alan Thompson (*recorded at home or in church*)

Kohima Epitaph: Charlie Vereker (*recorded at the Warton War Memorial*)

Music before the service

Amazing Grace played by *The Central Band of The Royal British Legion*

Hymn

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 Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918).

Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Believing | **Living** | **Sharing**

The service is introduced by the Vicar

Gathering

The following sentences are read. Accompanying music: I vow to thee my country, played by the Central Band of the Royal British Legion.

lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121.1-2

This I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The minister continues

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.

The Act of Remembrance

The exhortation is recited

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.

All We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded.

The Two-Minutes Silence is observed.

Reveille is sounded.

The minister says the following prayer

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.

All Amen.

A wreath is laid at each of the war memorials in Borwick & Priest Hutton, Warton, the Yealands. Accompanying music: O Valiant Hearts John S. Arkwright (1872-1954), played by the Central Band of The Royal British Legion

The Kohima Epitaph is recited

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

Poem Extract from 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Praying Together

The minister introduces the prayers

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

The prayers continue

for the service men and women 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 this day,
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 penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers,
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.**

The minister concludes the prayers

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.**

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Responding in Hope and Commitment

The minister says

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 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.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem is sung. Music played by The Central Band of The Royal British Legion.

**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.**

Blessing

The minister says

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 your servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Music after the service

*The Vanished Army Frederick Joseph Ricketts (Kenneth J Alford) (1881 – 1945)
The Central Band of The Royal British Legion*