

The Benefice of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe

Remembered With Love



A service for All Souls Day – 31 October 2021

Opening music: The strife is o'er

Introduction: Rev Anne Barker

Today we remember with thankfulness
those we have known and loved who have died.
We give thanks for all that they have meant to us.

We come seeking to learn of God's love
and to open our lives to the help and strength
that He can give us
as we continue on the journey of life without them.

We pray for ourselves
and all who mourn that they will be comforted.

Hymn: Be still my soul

1 Be still, my soul! The Lord is on our side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
In eve'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul, for Jesus can repay,
from his own fullness, all he takes away

3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Bible Reading: John 11.17-27

Read by Margaret Butt

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

We remember:

<i>John Allen</i>	<i>Nellie & Norman Antlett</i>	<i>Claire Arbuckle</i>
<i>Eveline Armstrong</i>	<i>Harry Arnold</i>	<i>Daphne Ashby</i>
<i>Joan Aspin</i>	<i>Alice & Ted Atkins</i>	<i>Vincent Austin</i>
<i>Martin Ayres</i>	<i>Cath Atkins</i>	<i>John Barber</i>
<i>Kathleen Barker</i>	<i>Denis & Joan Barnes Green</i>	<i>Mike Betts</i>
<i>Bob Bingley</i>	<i>Brian Bird</i>	<i>Nicolina Borrelli</i>
<i>Dora Brazier</i>	<i>Jean Bird</i>	<i>Emily & Charlie Brewer</i>
<i>Nicholas Brazier</i>	<i>Zoe Bird</i>	<i>Joyce & Arthur Buckley</i>
<i>Joan & Aubrey Brown</i>	<i>Patsy Brown</i>	<i>Derek & Hilda Butt</i>
<i>Hilda & Albert Harper</i>	<i>Thelma Bull</i>	<i>Richard & Mary Dillingham</i>
<i>Vera Hookway</i>	<i>Les Chambers</i>	<i>Molly & Bobby Chapple</i>
<i>Baby Brown</i>	<i>Vic & Nora Clapton</i>	<i>Joan & Bernard Peck</i>
<i>Bruce Cockburn</i>	<i>Alan Cook</i>	<i>Albert & Doris Coulson</i>

Music: Agnus Dei from the Mass of St Cedd & Crossing the Bar – Parry

Prayer: Rev Anna Garvie

God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.

Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength
to lift us from the darkness of grief
to the peace and light of your presence.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us, conquered death
and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

We remember:

*Eric Daniels
Dorothy Day
Kurt Derfurt
Pauline Downing
James Ellis
Ronnie Farrow
Duncan Fraser
George Gibson
Betty & Jack Greenwood
Anthony Hancock
Ethel Hancock
Terry Hancock
Laura Hill
Mark Holt
Harold & Sylvia Hoff
Donald & Dorothy Butler*

*Maureen Darby
Susan Dean
Barbara Dixon
Bethany Edwards
Michael English
Brian & Margaret Finney
Rosemary Gartside
Annie Glenister
Eric Brian Haldane
Gerald Harris
Tom Harris
David Jeeves
Maureen & Robin Hillman
David Holland
Hazel Heigho
Pat & Win Horan*

*Florence & Wilfred Davis
Joyce Dean
Patrick Rowan
Frederick Howe
William Howe
Bill Firth
Enid Gibbon
Jim Greenwood
Alice Hall
Peg Hanney
Paul Heerey
John Heerey
Clare Kennedy
Irene Tomley
Corina Humphreys*

Music: And I saw a new Heaven – Edger Bainton (Revelation 21.1-4)

Prayer: Roy Pinnock

We thank you for giving them to us
to know and to love as companions
in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion
console those who mourn.
Grant us that we may see in death
the gate of everlasting life
and continue our course on earth in faith,
though Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Life and the Resurrection of all who
put their trust in him.

Amen

Hymn: The day Thou gavest Lord is over

1 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.

3 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.

5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

2 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.

4 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.

We remember:

*Betty Hyde
Sydney Johnson
Doris & Harry Craft
Elsie Furness
John Kilgour
Doris & Freddie Kurlfinke
Lola Loveridge
Harry Mason
Sadie McCulloch
Marion Meadows
Michael Metianu
Paulina Metianu
Leonard Newman
Bill Northwood*

*Mike Jarrard
Gerald & Kathleen Jones
Sandra Keen
Marjory Kennedy
David Kirkham
Doris Labram
Frank & Margery Luscombe
Stuart McBride
Edna McDonald
Peter Meads
Howard Miller
Renard Miller
Rose Miller
Martins Ogunbiyi*

*Eva & Walter Jellis
John & Gladys Jellis
Bernard Jellis
James Kerr
Frances Knight
Maurice Layton
Bridget Martin
Hayley-Ann Martin
Norma McIntosh
Gordon Merryweather
Bryan Millin
Phillip Moss
Helen Motion
Hilda & William Oliver*

Music: God Be In My Head – Walford Davies & Ye holy angels bright - Baxter, Gurney, Chope

Prayer: Jo Holt

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Poem: On the death of the Beloved by John O'Donohue
Read by Maggie Jeeves

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts
Where no storm on night or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives,
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of color.

The sound of your voice
Found for us
A new music
That brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being;
You placed smiles like flowers
on the altar of the heart,
Your mind always sparkled
With the wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,
Your spirit was alive, awake, complete.

We look toward each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our souls gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Besides us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:
To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.

We remember:

Barbara Painter

William Paynter

Sarah Pilcher

Veronica Pilcher

Pat & Chris Porter

Laurie Raine

Zoe Ryan

Eric & Joan Sanders

John & Kath Sanders

Jean Thompson

Pat Thorne

Robert & Susan Watt

Maureen & John Williams

June Witney

Eunice Parker

Betty & Geoffrey Pearce

Marion Pinnock

Shirley

Janet Powers

Rita Rose

Violet & Walter Samways

Keith Savage

Ruby & Arnold Smith

Paul Smith

Maureen Vanderschutte

Raymond Wells

Kath Wilson

Doreen Wrightson

Kathleen & Thomas Parks

Keith Pepper

Lawrence Pepper

Terry Pepper

Roy & Ann Pugsley

Lily Rudd

Violet Rudd

Valerie Storey

Stan Taylor

Tony & Mary Goring Terrell

Geoff Warwick

Ron Williams

Betty & Hubert Witamore

Music: I know that my Redeemer liveth

Beati quorum via - Charles Villers Stanford (*Psalm 119.1*)

Prayer: Alan Aldridge

Eternal God and Father,
We thank you for giving them to us
to know and to love as companions
in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion
console those who mourn.
Grant us that we may see in death
the gate of everlasting life
and continue our course on earth in faith,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Life and the Resurrection of all
who put their trust in him.

Amen

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Closing Prayers: Rev David Payne

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to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us
by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life
to all who believe in him through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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.**

Blessing: Rev David Payne

Now may God give to you
and to all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
both in this world and the next.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be yours and remain yours, now and for ever more. **Amen**

Closing Music Amazing Grace

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Remembered With Love services in our Churches on Sunday 31 October 2021

3:00 pm Flitton – with Rev David Payne & Margaret Butt

3:00 pm Silsoe – with Rev Anna Garvie and Simon Stranks

6:00 pm Pulloxhill – with Rev Anne Barker

There is also a United Benefice Holy Communion at 11:00 am at Pulloxhill