

# Remembrance Service

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[ 0 : 00 ] That you would take my name, that you would bend my heart. You would bend my heart, that I would be set free.

Oh, Jesus, I think all that you've done for me. Worthy.

Worthy is the king. Let's call him the great.

Worthy is the king. Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Thank you.

[ 1 : 56 ] Thank you.

I've been here since before I can remember and it's a joy and a privilege this morning to share with you as we come together on this Remembrance Sunday.

As we reflect and remember those who have given their lives in service to the protection of others in this country and around the world. We especially welcome our uniform groups.

We thank you that the Cubs and the Beavers and the Scouts are able to join us and we hope that they and their families will feel especially welcome here this morning. In this act of remembrance, we remember those who have brought peace and protection to our land.

But we also turn our minds to those who are caught up in conflict around the world today. And we cry out to God that he would bring an end to the fighting and bring lasting peace.

[ 3 : 15 ] If I would like to invite our musicians to the front. In a moment we will sing, Oh God, Beyond All Praising. During which the colours of our uniformed organisations will be brought in and presented.

But before that, let us pray. Heavenly Father, as we gather in your name today, we honour the memory of those of all nations who have served and given their lives in wars and conflicts.

May we lean on you and put our faith in you for the future, knowing that all things are in your hands.

In your perfect kingdom there is no sword, nor is there injustice nor pain.

Meet with us this day and speak to us once again to remind us of that perfect future. Amen. I invite you to stand and sing as the colours are brought in.

Thank you. Thank you.

[ 5 : 27 ] Thank you. Thank you.

So, remembering today is probably an incredibly important moment around the world for many people as we reflect on conflict and we reflect on the people who have given their lives in the service of their countries.

But it's also an important thing to learn from our mistakes. Now, I've got a little game. It's a maze. You can all take a seat. You don't have to stand up there. Unless you want to take part in my game. Very wise. I've got a little game which is going to be testing our memories a little bit. It's a very simple maze. I'll have the next slide up. Okay, there it is. All we've got to do, you're going to get from the start here to the finish up there.

Okay? Avoiding the traps along the way. Can I have a couple of volunteers who can be the voices for the people? Because you're going to direct us through this maze.

[ 7 : 28 ] I have a couple of volunteers. I've got two from the beavers. Do you two want to come up? Up you come. Now, they're going to be the voice of you.

So, you're going to have to help them with their memories a little bit. Because if they come across a trap or anything like that, then they'll have to do a forfeit and then go back to the beginning again.

And then remember what went wrong last time so they can remember the way through the maze.

Okay? So, if you want to look up here, which way do you think we're going to go first? I'm going to stand over here as well.

Which way should we go? We can go left, up, or right? I think we should go left. We can go left. Okay, we'll click on the left square. Oh, the hammer.

Now, I haven't gotten a faceable hammer, but I do have a Minecraft sword. So, that'll teach you a lesson. Right. Take a reset. Okay, so we can't go left. Which way should we go instead?

[ 8 : 23 ] Straight. Straight up. Okay, can we go straight up? Oh, it's a hammer. I'm watching you. Right, which way should we go instead then? Right. Go right.

Lovely. Right. Which way should we go now? I think we should go to up. Up. Okay, go up. No, it's a hammer. Silly, silly.

Right, from beginning again. Right. Which way should we go? Do you remember which way should we go? Yes. Right, go then. Right. Right. Right, it wasn't up. Which way should we go now? Right again?

Right again? Yeah. Okay, which way should we go now? I think we should go. Which one? Right again? Do you reckon I'd do that? Right again? Of course I wouldn't.

Don't be ridiculous. Naughty. Right, from the beginning. Right. Right. Right. Up. Up. Now, think about it logically.

[ 9 : 21 ] You know what that is, so we can't be going that way, can we? Definitely. Definitely not. Unless you want to be hit. Uh-oh. No? Okay. Right, which way should we go? I think we should go up. Up again? Okay. Up.

Yeah. Right, which way now? Which way do you reckon? Up again or left or right? Right. Right. Up. Up. No!

Oh, right, almost. Doink, doink. Right, again. Do you remember how to get there? Yeah. Right, so we go. Right. Right. Right.

Up. Up. Up. Which way now? Left. They're saying left. Should we go with them? Uh, yeah. Okay, we'll go left. Okay.

Yes. Right, which way now? I think we should go to the corner of that. To the right corner. This, this way, this corner. Going that way. We can't go diagonally.

[ 10 : 19 ] So to get there, we have to go here first. Should we do that? No, no, no, no, no. No? Oh, which way are we going then? Uh, I think we should go to the right. Go to the right. We've just come from there.

We're here now. Which way should we go? Up. Do you want to listen to them? Go up. Fine. Fine. Okay, we'll go up. Oh.

No, no, no, no. Right, from the beginning. Right, don't listen to them anymore. Right, should we go here?

Yes. Then where? Right again. Up. Up. Up. And now left. Then left. And now left.

Well, if we can't go that way, let's come from that way. What's the only option? Left. Well done.

Right, where should we go now? Remember, because that's also a hammer. Up. Go up.

[ 11 : 20 ] Okay, now what do you think I might do at the end? Another up. Another up. Do you reckon? Do you reckon? Right, hands up for up.

Hands up for left. Okay. Going left. No. It's a double bluff. Ha ha, I got you. Right, from the beginning.

Right. Okay, so then. There. There. Up. Up. Up. Up. Up. Up. Up. Up. And then left. Then left. And then where? Up.

Up. Up. Up. Up. Up. Right. I think up. You think up? You think up? We're going to go up. Do you want to load the things up? Well done.

Well done. Don't listen to them. Thank you very much. Take a seat. So.

[ 12 : 24 ] I'll move this. Here we go. It's a heavy bit of kit, this, isn't it? So one of the important things about remembering is not just remembering for remembering's sake.

It's remembering and learning from our mistakes. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our leaders and us could learn and instead of repeating the same errors and bringing violence, seek to bring peace.

We're going to stand and sing. We're going to stand and we're going to sing two songs that speak of troubles but also speak of bringing peace. We stand and sing.

Here is love. Grace takes my sin and my lighthouse. Am I going to move? Thanks. Thank you.

Thank you.

[ 14 : 36 ] Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you.

[ 18 : 02 ] God bless you, be seated me, with my faith evermore.

Some actions to this one. In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my fears you won't come down.

Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my travel sea. You are the peace in my travel sea.

You are the peace in my travel sea.

You are the peace in my travel sea.

[ 19 : 22 ] I am the peace in my travel sea.

I am the peace in my travel sea.

I am the peace in my travel sea.

I am the peace in my travel sea.

Thank you.

[ 20 : 47 ] Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to take a seat. This reading is from Isaiah chapter 2, verses 2 to 5.

[ 22 : 44 ] 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 all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples 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 Lord will go out from Zion, the world of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations, and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Thank you so much, Caleb.

Good morning, everyone. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Andrew. As you can tell by my uniform, I'm a scalp leader. I'm also a pastor of the church. It's great to have you with us this morning. Now, I've got the impression that you like quizzes, so I've got a quick one for us.

[ 23 : 53 ] This is a quiz about symbols. So, if we can have the next slide, I want you to have a quick look at that, and just have a look and see, which of those symbols do you recognize? Which of those symbols do you know what they mean?

Just have a quick look at that, and then we'll have a go through one by one. So, let's have a look at the first one, top left.

Just shout out if you know what it is. Let's have a look. Yes, it's recycled. The next one? Fire risk or inflammable. Yes, there we go. The next one?

There's a few in this building. Yes, exit or fire exit. Well done. The next one? Yes, it's a railway station, British Rail. Yes. The next one? It's the underground, London Underground.

Okay, the next one may need to look in your clothes label for this one. Yes, don't tumble dry. So, don't put that in tumble dry if you see that in your clothes. Next one, there's a few of these.

[ 24 : 52 ] It's the Scout Association. Yes. The next one? Yeah, if you see that come on your dashboard on your car, you need to go and refuel, don't you?

So, that's fuel, petrol or diesel. And then the next one? Power. Power on or off. Yes, well done.

What's the next one for today? Yeah, what does it symbolize?

Remembrance. Remembrance, yes. So, poppy for Remembrance Day. The next one? Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi. We all know that one. Okay. And what about the next one? Jesus.

Jesus. It is a cross. Forgiveness, I hear. I hear a few things. Let's just zoom in on that one, can we? And let's think about that.

Now, to help us think about that, we're going to make a cross. So, Jackie and her friends are going to pass around to anybody who's under 18, we've got a piece of plasticine for you.

[ 25 : 50 ] So, Jackie, if you can get a few helpers. And we're going to pass these around. So, if you guys can whiz around. And if everyone who's under the age of 18 can take one strip, one coloured strip of plasticine.

And what I want you to do is to see if you can make that shape of the cross from the plasticine. So, you just have to knead it a little bit. Okay.

Just maybe stick your hand up if you're waiting for a piece of plasticine. If you fit the criteria. And it'll come to you. And I'll just say it now, in case we forget to mention it later.

At the end of the service, please can you put the plasticine back in the pots. So, they don't end up getting stuck to the seats. So, has anyone managed to make a cross? You need to squish it. Can anyone make a cross?

I've just done a very quick one there. Hold it up if you've been able to make one. And while you're making, maybe the rest of us can be thinking. Can we just turn my mic down a little bit?

[ 26 : 51 ] Because I'm getting a bit of echo in my ears. If we can just be thinking about what this does symbolise. We've heard this is a symbol of Jesus.

It's a universal symbol of the Christian faith. Now, when we look into it, it's actually quite strange and quite surprising that we would have this as a symbol for Jesus and Christianity and something which has become a sign of forgiveness and hope and joy and peace.

Because 2,000 years ago, a cross was a method of killing somebody in a very cruel way. It was a symbol that struck fear into the minds of people and it was used by their rulers to keep them under control.

It's now become a symbol of hope and joy and peace. So with the cross, what's happened in those 2,000 years is that something bad has turned to something good.

And there's actually a word for that. The word is redemption. Those of you who got a word search earlier might have spotted that word in the word search. Redemption. Taking something bad and making it good.

[ 28 : 06 ] Something which was meant to kill and destroy has turned into something which represents goodness and forgiveness and love and peace. Now, the Bible reading that we had that Caleb read to us also talked about some things which were meant for killing and destroying being turned into something good.

So we're going to have a look at that Bible reading now. Can you spot anything there which is turned from something for killing and turned into something good? Put your hand up if you can spot one of those things.

Yeah, Caleb. Spears into pruning hooks. Yeah, spears into pruning hooks. That's one of them.

Yeah, well done. There's another one as well. What's the other one there? Something used for killing? Yeah, Daniel.

Swords into plowshares. So we're going to have a little challenge now. We've made a cross. That was the first part of the challenge. We have the next slide. What we want you to do is make a spear. Okay, so the best way to do this, something long and thin, get a ball and then roll it to make something quite thin and pointy.

See if you can do that. And then make a pointy end. Okay. With a bit of a head on it. Okay.

[ 29 : 24 ] Okay, we haven't got loads of time for this, but if you manage to make something pointy-ish that looks a little bit like a spear, I don't think this spear would do anyone any damage. But you get the idea.

Anyone manage to make a spear? Okay. Let's see your spears. Okay. Yeah, that's great, Tabby. Well done. Yeah, brilliant, Emily.

Great. Okay. So the reading talks about a spear turning into a pruning hook. Now, I had to look this up because I wasn't exactly sure what a pruning hook looks like. That's a pruning hook.

So can you now take your spear and turn it into a pruning hook? Can you do that? So I think I'm going to have to bend over the end and make it like that. I think mine looks a bit more like a hockey stick, but never mind.

Not sure if it would do any pruning. You've got a pruning hook. So a pruning hook is used to prune trees to cut off the dead branches of trees so that the tree produces more fruit so that it can grow more lovely fruit to eat.

[ 30 : 24 ] Okay. Now, the next one, we're going to make the other thing that was mentioned there, a sword. So we can have a picture of the sword. We've got a sword here as well. Can you make one of these from your plasticine?

So it might look a bit more like the cross, but it's got a pointy end and a bit of a handle on it. See if you can very quickly make your plasticine into a sword.

Just give you a minute to do that. Okay. You've got one of those? Okay. I see your sword. Very good.

Well done. That's awesome. Okay. And now, the Bible reading talks about a sword turning into a plowshare. Now, does anyone know what a plowshare looks like? It's something for plowing the ground so that you can plant seed in it so seeds will grow to make fruit.

And it looks like this. So, 10 seconds. Can you make a plowshare? No, no, no. Don't worry. If anyone can make a plowshare, you have some time after the service, Cubs and Scouts, to play with plasticine.

[ 31 : 28 ] If anyone can make a plowshare, then big up to you because that would be quite impressive. But these are the words of the prophet Isaiah, a man who brought a message from God around 700 years before Jesus was born.

At that time, Isaiah spoke to a nation which was divided and under attack from many sides. There were many wars going on. But Isaiah looked to the coming of God's son, Jesus, who was coming to rescue people and ultimately to bring peace into the world.

Before he talked about swords and plowshares, he said this in verse 2, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of mountains. It will be exalted above the hills and all nations will stream to it.

Now, over the last few weeks, we've been thinking about a building in the Bible called the temple. The temple was a place where people could make sacrifices to say sorry for the wrong things they'd done.

Sorry, can I get a glass of water? And it was the place on earth where God's rule was made visible, his throne on earth. But Jesus came to replace the temple.

[ 32 : 42 ] Here's the one that makes God's presence available to all of us so we can approach God as a friend. Thank you. Now, before Jesus came, only people of one country the Jewish nation could have that special honour of being called God's people.

But Jesus came to bring together people of all nations so they could all come to God as his special people and ultimately Jesus came to bring peace. Now, there was an old African-American song called Down by the Riverside which originated in the American Civil War in the 1800s.

But that song was first released as a record in 1918 after the end of the First World War. The lyrics of that song say, Ain't gonna study war no more.

Now, just a quick survey. Anybody here in school year eight or nine? Just put your hand up. Anyone in those school years? Okay, we've got one. So some of you may get to, at that point, you get to choose your options for GCSE and you might kind of get to choose geography rather than history and then you can say, Ain't gonna study war no more.

That's actually not what this verse is about. It's actually quoting from verse 4 of the reading from Isaiah where it says, Nation will not take up sword against nation nor will they train for war anymore.

[ 34 : 03 ] We're actually gonna listen to that song. It's a very old recording. It's over 100 years old so it sounds a little bit scratchy but we're gonna listen to the words of that song now. going to lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside down by the riverside down by the riverside lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside and study war no more Now the Bible talks about a time when there will be no more need for weapons and soldiers and tanks and bombs.

This is a future hope proclaimed throughout the Bible. In the future when Jesus comes back no one will train for battle. That song, Ain't Gonna Study War No More was sung at the end of the First World War in 1918 when a special agreement called the Armistice was signed.

It was the end of that war but it wasn't the end of wars in the world because as we know they continue to this day. But one day there will be a global armistice for the whole world a global ceasing of wars for everywhere and there will be lasting peace with our neighbours lasting peace in our hearts and lasting peace with God.

It's promised in the Bible but we know that it will take more than a signed agreement like this to achieve this. How will it be possible for all wars to cease? Well Isaiah tells us in that reading that the house of the Lord which is the temple will be lifted up and then everything will be put right.

As I said earlier Jesus we know from the New Testament is the true temple the house of the Lord. He was killed on a cross and then rose again on the third day.

[ 36 : 17 ] He is now the way that we can meet with the God of the universe. The way that we can find peace with God. And one day when he comes back there will be lasting peace in the whole universe.

Until then as Jesus said there will be wars and there will be rumours of wars. Some people following events in the USA this week have said the world has become a more dangerous place. In many ways the world has become a more dangerous place but at the same time we can see redemption taking place and we can see examples of swords being turned into plowshares when people follow God's ways and do good to each other.

Now we're going to do a very quick quiz again and I want you to look at these six pictures those six things and think what do these objects all have in common?

What is it that they all have in common? So just explain what they are gaffer tape top left the top middle is an epi pen an auto injector the top right is freeze dried fruits bottom left is super glue the next one is sat nav and the bottom right is a microwave.

[ 37 : 27 ] What is it that these things all have in common? Anyone have a guess? Okay the answer is they were all things which were developed from military technology so things which were designed to be used in wartime have now become used in civilian life and used for good and for peaceful purposes.

So we thought earlier about making a sword something that's used to kill into a plowshare something which is used to plant seeds that grow that feed us good food which help us to flourish as people.

The idea of a sword into a plowshare is just a sign of what Jesus achieved when he died on the cross. So if you've got your plasticine you might like to go back to making a model of the cross again just so we can think about that before I finish.

change. Because what Jesus did when he died it was like the soldier who led his troop out into a minefield and said I'm going to lead the troop out but I know there's a mine out there so I'll go first. And he went out and the mine blew him up but he made the way for the rest of his troop to pass through in safety. You know when Jesus died something bad turned to something good and that's why the day we celebrate his death and remember his death is called Good Friday because at the same time as something bad happening something very good happened.

[ 38 : 57 ] When people killed Jesus judgment fell on him instead of us so that we could be saved so that we could have eternal peace with God. But when Jesus died he went into the ground to be raised again.

Come up again more fruitful like the sword turning into the plowshare. Now we started thinking about the cross. It used to be a sign of torture and death.

Now many Christians actually wear crosses around their necks or they wear it as an earring or as a badge. It's a sign of hope that we can have peace in our hearts and peace with God and ultimately peace in the whole world because Jesus went to that cross for us.

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for us so that we can make peace with you. Thank you that one day Jesus is coming back to bring peace to the whole world.

Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen. Amen. Well I'm now going to invite some of our cubs and scouts who are going to bring us some prayers.

[ 40 : 11 ] So if I can ask those who have prepared prayers to read to come up now. Lord, we are saddened at those of war, of the soldiers who must fight, and of those people who are killed.

Today we remember them with sadness. We thank you for what they did for us. We also remember that they won for us a victory, that without their bravery our lives could have been very different, without the freedom we enjoy.

We thank you for what they did for us. We are saddened at the thought of your son Jesus suffering for us too when he died. We thank you for what he did for us.

we also remember that you won for us a victory, that on Easter morning Jesus rose again, and helped us to overcome our human nature, so that we might rise again with you.

We thank you for what you did for us. Amen. Amen. Dear God, sometimes we find it difficult to see the point of wearing a poppy, or what difference two minutes silence will make.

[ 41 : 43 ] When we could be shouting protests, but we can recognise a broken life being valued, a gift being given, and taking two minutes to reflect on how much we have.

we could look to the future, not to the past. We cannot change what has been, but we do not need to repeat its mistakes.

So as old and young, to come together before you, take the very best of our lives, bring us together and help us to share our common values, love of Jesus, and take care of each other, to build

dreams, and with your Holy Spirit, turn them into reality.

Amen. Father God, thank you for everyone who serves us, at home, at school, at church, in Cubs, Scouts, and Beavers.

Thank you for those who keep our community safe, like the police, firefighters, and ambulance workers. Please help the leaders of our country and countries around the world to make good decisions and do their jobs well.

[ 42 : 49 ] Please protect our soldiers and give them strength to carry out their duties. We pray for those who face danger this day, remembering their family, friends, and all who pray for their safe return.

Amen. God of justice and peace, we pray for those who have been injured or disabled through war, for those who have lost homes and security through conflict, for those who have lost relatives in war, for those who have faced danger and take risks for peace, for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts, for refugees and all those in need of help.

God of love, guide us in building a just and peaceful community for all. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. In a moment, Sam will play The Last Post, after which we will join with our nation in two minutes of silence, remembering all those who have given their lives in conflict and the service of others, remembering those around the world who were displaced by wars.

We will then, at the end of our time of silence and reflection, Sam will play again, and then we will join together in the singing of our national anthem, followed by saying the Lord's Prayer together, the words of which will be on the screen.

I invite you all to stand. They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

[ 45 : 00 ] Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. Now the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

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evil for the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever amen please take a seat so as this morning is about remembering i thought we'd have a little quiz to see how much you can remember of today's service and how much you've been paying attention uh just to know i didn't write any of these questions before the service started so i've been making notes as we went along so you have to be paying very close attention i thought i could have forewarned you but then where's the fun in that so we'll start off with a nice easy one in the bible verse that was read to us the sword will be turned into what a plowshare lovely i'm really looking forward to seeing some nice plasticine plowshares later on next question our cubs and our scouts they have a necker made of blue and what other color kelly red and if you look in the back there's a bit of yellow as well now sam is not wearing one of our neckers did anyone see what color his necker is if you sit near him i'm going to ignore you if you put your hand up anyone know what color sam's necker is yes yellow and black lovely stuff probably through the service i changed part of my appearance who spotted what has changed marianne my tie has changed you see how sensible i can be during the service and andrew's talk we were asked to make various objects out of platycine to represent the changes promised to us in the passage of isaiah what was the color of andrew's platycine jamie blue paying attention okay which symbol was once used to represent um torture and control but has now become used to represent redemption and hope that's a bit more of an easy yes the cross fantastic um in the final quiz that andrew did earlier uh the military applications put into more domestic uses freeze-dried what was an example anyone freeze-dried strawberries and a fantastic idea it was too jesus came to bring peace between who and who us and god thank you caleb we've got one person paying attention at least and finally finish this line from the song my lighthouse fire before us blah blah blah you will lead us and if you want through the storm fantastic we were paying attention wonderful lovely stuff well that's my little bit of fun anyway you've done much better than i thought you were going to do i must say maybe working with nine-year-olds sort of jades me a little bit lovely stuff right we're coming now to the end of our service before we do i've been given about page

worth of notices so uh really quickly um is that some of you so lots of things all to do with christmas [ 54 : 18 ] we invite you to sign up for get in the picture which is happening i believe next saturday afternoon on the 16th of november please um if you're able to be wonderful to have you there you can sign up um somewhere online using that qr code isn't that clever yes using that qr code uh this i've been doing is switching on the wickham lights and your wonderful opportunity to be witness um is witnesses in the town center at that time the next thing uh we'll notice for is for the christmas choir if you enjoy singing carols um no experience necessary other than it before and i've actually no experience singing in a choir it's a lot of good fun um please sign up again another qr code on there um or you can speak to ruth weston but i believe she's not here today um also you can go on our website um there's uh yes the shepherd's nativity adventure is happening on the 7th of december please book online for that is there a qr there is a qr code over there that's one okay go for that please sign up and if you i believe it is there still a request for christmas trees yes if you want if you are able to donate your christmas tree and have it returned to you i believe that's going to happen at some point you get your christmas tree back good good if you're willing to donate christmas tree that'd be wonderful and it'd be a wonderful blessing for everyone for that time uh it promises to be a fun family afternoon experiencing the christmas story um as well as a trail around the church i love trails um there's a carol service as well on the 15th of no yeah 15th of december uh we're doing two carol services one in the morning one in the evening and then there's the christingle service on the 24th of december on christmas eve at 4 p.m it'd be wonderful to invite many of your friends and children or don't have a big children at all if you would like to come along to that is that all the ones of slides oh yeah take a postcard believe these are all on your seats uh the double-sided please take one take one for a friend and there's one more notice um about the women's breakfast which jenny's going to bring to us because i don't get told about women's breakfasts on the 23rd of november which is two saturdays time or one saturday time and we're having a women's breakfast it's at 8 30 here 8 30 to 10 o'clock and we're going to be having a speaker as well as breakfast you get to hear a speaker a lady called claudette fisher johnson and she's from gold hill baptist church she's got tons of experience of leading alpha courses so she's going to be coming and sharing with us her experience of how we as christians respond to those uh searching difficult challenging questions that we get asked of those who are considering christian faith so it's going to be a great morning we'd love to see you um any lady we'd love to see you sorry guys and um all we need from you is to sign up and let us know that you're coming and you can click on the website and all the details are there and you can sign up there thank you thank you very much jenny um one final one is that after the service you're all invited to tea coffee you don't have to have either of those but those other drinks are available and squash and biscuits um parents um of cubs and scouts and beavers we would suggest that you collect your children first from the memorial lounge which is the one which is directly below us it's all painted gray um it's done upstairs and you keep turning right uh before you get your drinks it'd be wonderful

that your your children would thank you for that um i think that is everything the we're going to stand and sing in a moment as our cubs and our scouts and beavers um lead out bringing their colors with them so before we do that as the musicians come up to play let's pray father we pray that you would bring nearer the day when conflict shall cease and poverty and pain shall end may the world know your heavenly peace through the grace and mercy of jesus christ and as we go today be our refuge and strength as we go as workers together in your name to bring that peace amen amen i want you to stand so

Amen. The heart has taken, the heart has seen, How sometimes the gaze don't steal, And how it's ancient in the street, The freshness of its mystery, The freshness of its mystery.

May I never lose the wonder, The wonder of the cross, May I see it like the pastor, Terming as a sinner lost, Undone by mercy and as peace, Washing one eye on the cross, May I never lose the wonder, The wonder of the cross.

God will come and crucify, The perfect sin and sacrifice, As God was done by souls and fear, The mystery was written too, The mystery was written too.

[ 61 : 18 ] The only empty wooden tree, Is parted on alive and free, The soul will never last enjoy, The sin and death have been destroyed, The sin and death have been destroyed.

May I never lose the wonder, The wonder of the cross, May I see it like the pastor, Standing as a sinner lost, But done by mercy and as peace, That's true, My God and the cross, May I never lose the wonder, The wonder of the cross.

Bless you as you go out from this place, And I pray that you'd have a week Feeling closer to God.  
Amen. Please take a seat. Thanks.  
Thank you.