THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Taking place after the Peace Memorial Service
Approx 11.30am

The Venerable Sam Hustwayte *Archdeacon of Ludlow*

Michael Oakley *Director of Music*
Robert Green *Organist*
The Choir of St Laurence's

Welcome

Welcome to St Laurence's for this year's Service of Remembrance. It is especially good to welcome the Archdeacon of Ludlow, Mayor of Ludlow, civic dignitaries and members of the Royal British Legion to this important act of worship.

Please ensure that all mobile telephones have been silenced before the service begins.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service as you exit. The collection is shared between the Royal British Legion and St Laurence's. If you are a United Kingdom taxpayer, the value of your donation will be significantly enhanced if you put your offering into one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes and then supply the information requested. Please do this before the service starts. Thank you for your support.

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Thank you for your support



If you use a hearing aid please switch to the 'T' position and you will be tuned into the induction loop system.

St Laurence's is an inclusive church in which all are welcome

If you are able, please stand as the procession enters via the west door.

The Standards
The Crucifer
The Choristers
The Director of Music

The Mayor of Ludlow and Councillors
The Civic Party & Dignitaries

Churchwardens
The Archdeacon of Ludlow
Lord Lieutenant

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

The Choir sings

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

Henry Purcell 1659–1695

During the hymn any Junior Standards are taken to the High Altar.

HYMN

Lord of lords and King eternal
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.

2. Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.

3. Love that binds us all together
be upon the church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.

4. Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place

5. Saviour, by your mighty Passion
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
wresting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now O Saviour, dead and risen,
in us triumph, live, and reign.

Jack C Winslow 1882–1974 ST HELEN

WELCOME

The Venerable Sam Hustwayte
Archdeacon of Ludlow

The Archdeacon says

INTRODUCTION

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way. As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others, we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Please sit

ACT OF PENITENCE

We bring 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.

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Archdeacon says

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

If you are able, please stand

During the next hymn, the wreath-laying party processes to the memorials in the south porch.

Wreaths will be laid by the Archdeacon for the Benefice, by the Lord Lieutenant for His Majesty the King, by the MP for Parliament, by the Mayor for Ludlow Town Council and by a representative of the British Legion for all veterans.

As the procession passes, all turn to face the south porch

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 Spring-Rice 1859–1918

THAXTED adapted from *The Planets*
Gustav Holst 1874–1934

The congregation remains standing, facing the south porch

LAYING OF WREATHS

Wreaths are laid in turn at the town war memorial in the south porch

The Archdeacon says

Almighty and eternal God, we dedicate these wreaths to the memory of all who gave their lives in the cause of freedom, especially the men and women of Ludlow whose names are written here. May their sacrifice be our inspiration to give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Members of the wreath-laying party return to their places

The congregation remains standing to sing the hymn, during which the Senior Standards are lodged at the high altar

HYMN

Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound,
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright:
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.

3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan 1628-1688 MONK'S GATE

Please sit

READING

Psalm 85

Read by representatives of the
Ludlow Air Cadets

1. Lord, you were favourable to your land;
   you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2. You forgave the iniquity of your people;
   you pardoned all their sin.
3. You withdrew all your wrath;
   you turned from your hot anger.
4. Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
   and put away your indignation towards us.
5. Will you be angry with us for ever?
   Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
6. Will you not revive us again,
   so that your people may rejoice in you?
7. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
   and grant us your salvation.
8. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
   for he will speak peace to his people,
   to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
9. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
   that his glory may dwell in our land.
10. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
    righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
11. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
    and righteousness will look down from the sky.
12. The Lord will give what is good,
    and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness will go before him,
    and will make a path for his steps.

SERMON

The Venerable Sam Hustwayte
Archdeacon of Ludlow

ANTHEM

The Choir sings

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth, and received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men. Their story lives on without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives

Peter Aston 1938-2013

PRAYERS

Jemimah E – Head Girl
Thomas K – Head Boy
Ludlow Church of England School

Let us pray for the peace of the world: for statesmen, stateswomen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right; and for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom and live in security and peace.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled, for those mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed.

For the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security.

For those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief. And let us pray for the work of the Royal British Legion and all who relieve the suffering of victims of war.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love and power, have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's blessing on the men and women of His Majesty's Armed Services.

Almighty and Eternal God, grant that all who serve in the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force may carry out their duties with courage, discipline and humanity, truly serving the cause of justice and peace, which is your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Mayor of Ludlow Diane Lyle

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and neighbour:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity,
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
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.

If you are able, please stand

During the singing of the hymn all standards are returned.

HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake 1757-1827 JERUSALEM

Please remain standing

The Archdeacon says

THE BLESSING

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 all, God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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.

Anon. c 1745

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Thesaurus Musicus c 1743

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church by the west door.

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

'Nimrod' Edward Elgar 1857-1934

Number nine of the 'Enigma' Variations depicting the composer's friends, 'Nimrod' portrays the music editor August Jaeger. Nimrod is identified in the Bible as 'a mighty hunter', Jaeger being German for hunter. The work is nowadays strongly associated with ceremonial occasions, funerals and memorial services and is traditionally played at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist
11.30am Choral Matins
Responses: Ayleward Venite & Psalm 89: 19-29
Canticles: Stanford in B flat
Anthem: 'Holy is the true light' - Harris

Advent and Christmas Services 2026

Sunday 29 November	7pm	Advent Carol Service
Tuesday 8 December	6pm	Living Nativity (Market Square)
Friday 18 December	7pm	Service of Light for the Bereaved
Tuesday 22 December	7pm	Carols in the Castle
Wednesday 23 December	7pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24 December	4pm	Christingle
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Family Christmas Service

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