

Parish of Central Windsor

St Stephen & St Agnes Church

In Loving Memory



**A Service of
Remembrance**

**Sunday 19th October 2025
3:00pm**

A warm welcome to our service today.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We welcome you into this house of prayer,
that here today you may know the peace of Christ.

The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33.27*

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith that all who have died
in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who lives and reigns with you
now and forever.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore
feed me now and evermore**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield
be thou still my strength and shield**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's Destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.**

*Welsh, William Williams (1717-1791)
tr Peter & William Williams*

Let us pray

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn here today, that casting all their cares on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 14, 15

³ ¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

Father in heaven,
we give you thanks for the lives of our loved ones.
We praise you as we recollect their life and cherish their memory.
We bless you that in bearing your image
they have brought light into our lives.
In their friendship we have seen your compassion
In their integrity, your goodness and in their love we have glimpsed your
eternal love.
We thank you for their life and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy, we
thank you for giving them to us,
we thank you for the glory we shall one day share together.
Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

HYMN

**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.**

**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.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

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

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

*Scottish Psalter 1650
Psalm 23*

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 1.3-9

¹ ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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ADDRESS

HYMN

**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.**

**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 nor night.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.** *John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life and
the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven, through Jesus Christ our
Lord

All **Amen.**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*Any who wish are encouraged to come and light a candle in memory of a loved one. When all have done so, the names of those whom we are remembering this evening will be read aloud
Please keep silence during this time and use it for your own silent prayers and reflections.*

PRAYERS

This bidding and response is used in our prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom,
as we pray in the words you gave us:
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.**

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend all those whom we remember this day.
Acknowledge, we pray, sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in your loving arms,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All Amen.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon
them. May they rest in peace,

All and rise in glory. Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS (*The Song of Simeon*) *is said*

**All Lord now you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to
reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

HYMN

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever will be.
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
*Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

FINAL PRAYER

Faithful Lord, lift us up when we are down;
watch over us and keep us safe:
be with us in our going out and our coming in,
now and for ever.

All **Amen**

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty.
the Father†, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you

All **Amen**

Please stay for refreshments which will be served.

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for
private reflection or to give to a friend.

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the
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