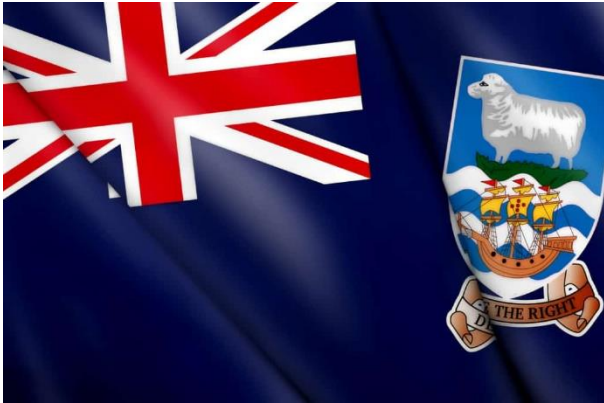


The Parish of Berkswich
in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield
**Special service of thanksgiving
on the Anniversary of the
Falkland Islands conflict**



Welcome to our worship. Sections in each of our buildings are reserved for those who wish to maintain strict social distancing.

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The gathering



**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth
tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.
Amen.**

The Bidding

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We have come together in the presence of Almighty God to offer him our worship, praise and thanksgiving. On this day when we remember the end of hostilities we particularly give thanks for those men and women who gave their lives in the Falklands in 1982. Holding in mind those who suffered and died, we pray for those still scarred by the conflict, and all who grieve for those they love. We earnestly ask God for peace and reconciliation wherever in the world there is violence and bloodshed. And we pledge ourselves to work and pray that justice with peace may prevail throughout the world.

**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.**

Sir Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918)

The liturgy of the word

First reading Wisdom 3.1-9

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon



But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

Second reading 1 Peter 3.8-18

A reading from the first epistle of Peter

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Act of Remembrance



"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.

We will remember them

Last Post

Silence

Reveille

**Eternal God, before whose face we stand,
your earthly children, fashioned by your hand,
hear and behold us, for to you alone
all hearts are open, all our longings known:
so for our world and for ourselves we pray
the gift of peace, O Lord, in this our day.**

**We come with grief, with thankfulness and
pride,
to hold in honour those who served and died;
we bring our hurt, our loneliness and loss,
to him who hung forsaken on the cross;
who, for our peace, our pains and sorrows
bore,
and with the Father lives for evermore.**

**O Prince of Peace, who gave for us your life,
look down in pity on our sin and strife.
May this remembrance move our hearts to
build
a peace enduring, and a hope fulfilled,
when every flag of tyranny is furled
and wars at last shall cease in all the world.**

**From earth's long tale of suffering here below
we pray the fragile flower of peace may grow,
till cloud and darkness vanish from our skies
to see the Sun of Righteousness arise.
When night is past and peace shall banish
pain,
all shall be well, in God's eternal reign.**

Timothy Dudley Smith (1925-)



The Address

The Prayer



Let us pray for all who continue to suffer as a result of the Falkland Islands War, and ask that God may give them peace.

For those who lost loved ones, continuing in their grief and the sadness of their loss;
Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

For those whose life has been scarred by the conflict; those who have been injured in body and mind; and for those who have found it difficult to work since, praying for their healing;
Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

For all members of the Armed Forces, the Merchant Service and all seafarers who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends, and all who pray for their safe return;
Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military, and religious, asking for the gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish. 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.

Amen

The Prayer of the South Atlantic Medal Association

Almighty God, maker of the earth and sky and sea, we give thanks for the freedom in which we enjoy the beauty of the created world; and we remember with gratitude and humility those of our number who paid that freedom's price. May not only our memories, but our commitment to and through our association, further the cause of justice, freedom and peace in our country and in the world. In the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea**

The dismissal

The Blessing



God give to you and to those you love, in this world and the next, his comfort and his peace; his light and his joy; and the blessing✠ of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**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!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen!**