

Our ministers will be reading this service at 4pm on Sunday 15th November at home. We will be especially praying for you at this time.

In the next couple of weeks we will be creating a display of names and messages that we will then email out and upload a photo to our facebook pages and websites. If you would like anything to be added do let us know.

Today we Remember



All those we love but see no longer

Together today we remember and honour the lives of our loved ones who sadly we see no more. Each of those we remember made an impact on us, so today we take this time to recognise how much their lives impacted us and we seek to keep our observance of our loved ones because they hold special and treasured memories for us.

Remember:

Today we make time to thank God for all that has been good, to recall our memories and stories of our loved ones and to remember God's great love for us. Today we pray for one another as we remember God's loving mercy.

***If safe to do so - light a candle in memory of your loved one
(or switch on a lamp or something similar)***

If you have a photo, put that with the candle or light

Prayer:

Father in heaven, we thank you because you made us in your own image and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now for what our loved ones meant to each of us. As we honour our loved one's memory today make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Time for thanks: [based on Psalm 136]

Blessing and thanks to God,
Who created our world
And shapes our lives.

God's love lasts forever.

Thanks be to God,
Who gives us friends and families,
To laugh and cry with us
And show us love each day.

God's love lasts for ever.

Thanks be to God,
For people who care and help,
Who work for healing
And show us kindness.

God's love lasts forever.

Thanks be to God,
For faithful love and joyful living,
For good memories
And hope for tomorrow.

**God's love lasts forever.
Amen**

Play a hymn or song that your loved one enjoyed most

Drawing circles on hands using our finger:

Circle one – large enough to cover your whole hand:
Say a prayer for all the things that your loved one loved and cared about

Circle two – a smaller circle in the centre of your hand:
Say a prayer for all those who loved and knew your loved one and who miss him/her this day

Circle three – a tiny circle right in the middle of your hand:
Say a prayer for all of us to discover more about God's love.

The Prayer of Commendation

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for for the grace and mercy they received from you, for all that was good in their life, and for all the memories we treasure today. **Amen**

The Bible says

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8.38,39

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

When we are weary and in need of strength,
when we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember

When we have a joy we long to share,
when we have decisions that are hard to make,

We remember

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn,

We remember

At the rising of the sun and its setting,

We remember

Blessing

May Christ the good shepherd
enfold you with love, fill you with peace,
and lead you in hope, to the end of your days;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Words taken from [Common Worship: Pastoral Services, Church House Publishing](#)

A Prayer card you may wish to use as you reflect

A Candle for grief

In lighting this candle we bring our grief and sadness, and acknowledge the pain of loss and emptiness for those we have lost. We share together knowing we are not alone.

A Candle for remembering

In lighting this candle we remember our hopes and dreams and the special relationship we had with our loved ones. We remember how they filled our lives and gives thanks for that.

A Candle for love

In lighting this candle we affirm our love. This candle reminds us that the light of our loved ones' lives will always be with us and that they will have a special place in our hearts, which we will always treasure.



Those we love, don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard,
but always near
Still loved, still missed,
and forever dear.

Held in prayer and love