

# STANWICK BENEFICE ALL SOULS' SERVICE

An online service to remember our loved ones departed



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6pm



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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you.

**And also with you.**

This evening we come together to remember before God  
our loved ones whom we love but no longer see,  
whose lives in this world are ended but by God's grace  
are now living in perfect love, light and joy.

*The Easter Candle is lit.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

## COLLECT

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the  
shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord  
Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life  
to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**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 through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
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.

## READING: JOHN 14 v 1-6, 27

*Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.*

*And you know the way to the place where I am going."*

*Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.*

*How can we know the way?"*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.*

*No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

*I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

## **THE ACT OF COMMEMORATION**

Let us commend to God's sure keeping those whom we love but see no longer and whose memory we treasure;

***The names of our departed loved ones are read out.***

***Music is played and candles are lit.***

***You may like to light a candle at home  
for your dear departed loved ones.***

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

## **RESPONSES**

All our laughter, all our sadness

**Safe now in God's hands**

All our anger, all our gladness

**Safe now in God's hands**

All our stories, all our memories

**Safe now in God's hands**

Those we remember, those we love

**Safe now in God's hands**

## **PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

## **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.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**