

WEST LANCASHIRE  
**WORLD WAR 1**  
VIGIL SERVICE



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Monday, 4th August 2014 at 7.30pm  
at  
Ormskirk Parish Church

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**Slide presentation on screen in Church**  
***'Does every picture always tell the whole story' ?***

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Introduction.          | 30. Last Communion.         | 61. The Irish            |
| 2. In memory.             | 31. Home to Blighty.        | 62. POW's                |
| 3. Ned.                   | 32. Little future for them. | 63. 1922.                |
| 4. Ormskirk's Terriers.   | 33. Burns.                  | 64. The Warrior.         |
| 5. Dad?                   | 34. Hospital.               | 65. Gnr Parfett MM,MID.  |
| 6. Cricket.               | 35. Nursing wounded.        | 66. Rememberence.        |
| 7. Eton's Game.           | 36. On the wire.            | 67. Reconstruction       |
| 8. Your needed!           | 37. Goodbye mate.           | 68. April 2013           |
| 9. Teat time.             | 38. Liverpool Jocks.        | 69. Full Honours.        |
| 10. Scouts.               | 39. Loos.                   | 70. An opinion.          |
| 11. Recruiting.           | 40. 16 in 1915 at Loos.     | 71. My door is open.     |
| 12. The Brassy.           | 41. Wigan's best.           | 72. Few equals.          |
| 13. Apprentices.          | 42. Winter.                 | 73. Sons of a Bishop.    |
| 14. Why us?               | 43. Gallipoli.              | 74. Inside pass.         |
| 15. The Chums.            | 44. Gasmask.                | 75. Only fit for heroes. |
| 16. Wellington.           | 45. A good officer.         | 76. The missing.         |
| 17. Keen to go.           | 46. Fix Bayonets.           | 77. Thiepval.            |
| 18. Pride.                | 47. Waiting the whistle.    | 78. Menin Gate.          |
| 19. The first.            | 48. A sunken lane.          | 79. Cambrai.             |
| 19a Ceremonial.           | 49. No braver men;          | 80. Navy memoria.        |
| 20. Proud to serve.       | 50. Just a hole.            | 81. Basra.               |
| 21. Thank you!            | 51. A valley in winter.     | 82. Burscough.           |
| 22. A Burscough lad.      | 52. Stress & fatigue.       |                          |
| 23. Home by Xmas.         | 53. Flanders                |                          |
| 24. Cockneys.             | 54. FANY.                   |                          |
| 25. Time to fight.        | 55. Ploughman               |                          |
| 26. Weary & wounded.      | 56. Best pals.              |                          |
| 27. On they come.         | 57. Aerial view.            |                          |
| 28. Feels like Christmas. | 58. Aerial view again.      |                          |
| 29. Peace before battle.  | 59. Nothing remains.        |                          |

**World War One Vigil Service**  
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**Order of Service**

*The visual symbolism of light and darkness is a vital aspect of this night service. Four candles representing the four corners of the world are placed in a square visible to the gathered congregation. Two are extinguished at the end of each reading, and a fifth, large candle is brought in for the reading of the Gospel. At the end of the Gospel reading the fifth candle is placed in the centre of the four extinguished candles to remind us that in the light of Christ we are able to face the endosing darkness.*

*Introduction of slides and CD's*

**Choir, Clergy and Dignitaries enter**

**Opening**

All Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.*

*How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The un-forgiven heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
How trifling others' debts to us;  
How great our debt to You!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, by Your mercy reconciled,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.*

**A Biblical Reading - Psalm 36** *Two candles are extinguished  
after this reading.*

**Psalm 36**

- 1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart;  
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
- 2 They flatter themselves in their own eyes  
that there abominable sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit;  
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.

- 4 They think out mischief upon their beds  
and have set themselves in no good way;  
nor do they abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Let not the foot of pride come against me,  
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.
- 6 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 7 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the strong deep;  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 8 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

**Prayer**

O God, the source of life,  
banish our pride and enlighten us with wisdom,  
that we may be led by your light,  
and come to see your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

**Second Reading**

'Men who March Away' by Thomas Hardy - Read by Mrs. Jean Gidman.

What of the faith and fire within us  
Men who march away  
Ere the barn-cocks say  
Night is growing gray,  
Leaving all that here can win us;  
What of the faith and fire within us  
Men who march away?

Is it a purblind\* prank, O think you,  
Friend with the musing eye,  
Who watch us stepping by  
With doubt and dolorous sigh?  
can much pondering so hoodwink you!  
Is it a purblind\* prank, O think you,  
Friend with the musing eye? (\*purblind-impaired vision or lacking insight)

Nay. We will see what we are doing,  
Though some may not see -  
Dalliers as they be -  
England's need are we;  
Her distress would leave us rueing:  
Nay. We will see what we are doing,  
Though some may not see!

In our heart of hearts believing  
Victory crowns the just,  
And that braggards must  
Surely bite the dust,  
Press we to the field ungriving,  
In our heart of hearts believing  
Victory crowns the just

Hence the faith and fire within us  
Men who march away  
Ere the barn-cocks say  
Night is growing gray,  
Leaving all that here can win us;  
Hence the faith and fire within us  
Men who march away.  
*5 September 1914*

*The two remaining candles are extinguished after this second reading.*

#### **Prayer**

O God, the source of life,  
banish our pride and enlighten us with wisdom,  
that we may be led by your light,  
and come to see your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

#### **Old Testament canticle**

*All* **The boots of tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

- 1 The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness -  
on them light has shined.
- 2 They rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest;  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- 3 For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders;  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- 4 For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood:  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 5 For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us:  
and the government will be on his shoulders;
- 6 And he will be named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God:  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
- 7 His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace:  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
- 8 He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness:  
from this time onwards and for evermore.

**Glory be 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.**

**The boots of tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

**Hymn :**

'O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, .  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!

*Standards are brought to the front during the hymn*

*A fifth lighted candle is brought in for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading: Mark 13. 3-8**

**Bishop of Warrington - The Right Rev Richard Blackburn**

**Responsory**

The nations are in tumult, and the peoples devise a vain plot  
**Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness**

A sound of loud lamentation is heard : Rachel is weeping for her children

**Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness**

Not one stone will be left standing on another

**Give ear to our cry, and answer us in your righteousness**

*(Jeremiah 31.15; Psalms 2.1, and  
1431; Luke 19.44)*

**Sermon: Rev Chris Jones, with the assistance of Mr. Bob Ingham**

*( a local poet)*

**New Testament Canticle**

*All* **The One who sits upon the throne  
will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

- 1 Behold a great multitude:  
which no one could number.
- 2 From every nation,  
from all tribes and peoples and tongues:  
standing before the throne and the Lamb.
- 3 And the One who sits upon the throne :  
will shelter them with his presence.
- 4 They shall never again feel hunger or thirst:  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.
- 5 For the Lamb at the heart of the throne:  
will be their Shepherd.
- 6 He will guide them to springs of living water:  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**To the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The One who sits upon the throne  
will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

**Hymn:**

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories  
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,  
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

Organ Music - Nimrod. *Scroll of photos shown on screen.*

**Talk - Howard Whitaker**

**Talk - Bishop Richard Blackburn**

**The Prayers**

*Concluding with the following prayers*

All

In your tender compassion, a God  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

All

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow  
of death,  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Offertory Hymn:** *(For the work of 'Combat Stress')*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Blessing by Bishop Richard Blackburn**

May God the Holy Trinity  
guard and defend you on every side,  
strengthen you to face times of difficulty ,  
and keep you rooted in faith and hope;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you and all whom you love,  
this night and always.  
Amen.

*Standards handed back*

**National Anthem**

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 give us ever cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.

*Organ Music played as the Choir, Clergy, Dignitaries and standards leave the Church.*

*Note: There is a display in the Derby Chapel of World War One memorabilia including the Comrades of the great War Roll of Honour*

*You are welcome to stay for light refreshments during which the slides will be shown again.*

*There will be a gesture of remembrance between 10 and 11pm at the War Memorial in Coronation Park to acknowledge the last hour of peace in 1914.*

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**Wish to thank the Rev Chris Jones for his support in designing this unique service. They also acknowledge the whole Team's advice concerning arrangements. The group appreciates you old distinguished guests, attending this service.**

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**Commemorative Displays**  
in Ormskirk Library L39 2EN  
from 6th August

See [www.eventbrite.co.uk/directory/United Kingdom/Lancashire](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/directory/United+Kingdom/Lancashire)

**A talk.**

**HOW DID THE GREAT WAR START?**

*"The Politics behind the Outbreak of War"*

by Daniel Tyler, BA, LLB.  
6.15pm, Friday 5th September,

Ormskirk Library, Burscough Street.

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