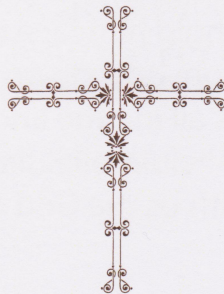
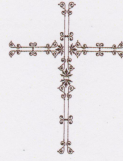




*Order of Service for the*  
***Dedication of the Stratton St Margaret,***  
***Peace Memorial***

*Sunday 3rd August 2014*





## Welcome: Councillor J Foley

### Hymn: Praise my soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!



### **Bidding Prayer Rev'd Carol Stone**

Almighty God, you have created us in your image and have called us to live in peace and love, we commend to you this day all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Reading Isaiah 2 vs 2-4**

#### **Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mrs Sarah Troughton**

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

**"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.



### **Act of Thanksgiving Rev'd Vicky Fleming**

Let us give thanks for the example of courage and fortitude given to us by men and women who have endured war; and let us pray for all people who suffer, especially those who, having survived conflict, still bear its marks in mind or body; and for all who have been bereaved through war.

*Silence*

**Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

### **Father Michael McAndrew**

Let us give thanks for the reconciliation that has been established between nations once opposed in war; and let us pray for the people of all nations and their leaders, that those divisions that remain may be healed.

*Silence*

**Lord, hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

### **Prayer by Katherine Woodhouse**

Let us give thanks for all who offer care and support to the people of the wartime generation, whether as individuals or through the work of statutory and voluntary bodies, and let us pray that they may have wisdom, vision and compassion in all they do.

*Silence*

**Lord, hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**



**Prayer by Mr Martin Vandervelde,  
President of the Swindon Jewish Community**

**Act of Dedication The Rt Rev'd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon**

Almighty Father, Creator of the universe and Supreme Ruler of all that is seen and unseen. Hear our prayer this day as we seek to honour your name and to praise you for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in war. In your Holy Name I now dedicate this Peace Memorial in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and pray that all who gaze upon it may pause and remember your mercy upon us and the ultimate sacrifice of your son Jesus Christ who gave his life as a ransom for all and opened to us the Gates of Glory.

**Amen**

**Act of Remembrance Rev'd Carol Stone**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

**County British Legion Chair/President**

'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**



**The Last Post**

**The Silence**

**The Kohima Epitaph. Councillor John Foley**

**'When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'**

**The Reveille**

**Laying of Wreaths**

**Rev'd Carol Stone**

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thy eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Hymn I vow to thee my country**

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.



### **Act of Commitment Rev'd Vicky Fleming**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of all nations.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.

**Amen**

Let us pray in the words our Saviour taught us:

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**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,

long live our noble Queen,

God save the Queen.

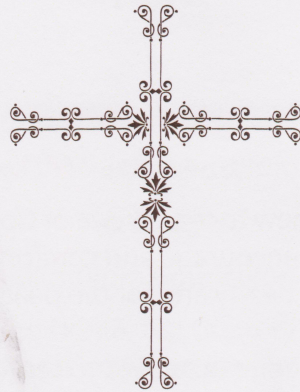
Send her victorious,

happy and glorious,

long to reign over us:

God save the Queen.

**The Blessing by The Rt Rev'd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon**



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