



**Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield**  
**8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday before Advent**

**AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT HOME**

*Read the 23rd Psalm slowly and thoughtfully*

**The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

**He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;**

**you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.**

**Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

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**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.**

*Sit for a while in silence – a time of remembering*

**O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those people  
who have died on active service.**

**As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life, peace and hope, now and for ever. Amen.**



**COLLECT AND READINGS FOR**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Collect :- Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**The first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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