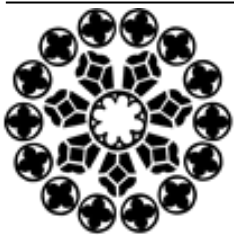


Remember our child

We remember the lives of children who have died



Truro
Cathedral

Sunday 4th May 2025
at 2.00pm

About this Service

We welcome you all to this Service of Remembrance with all that you bring. The first of these services was held in the Cathedral thirty years ago in 1995. As you enter the cathedral you will have been given a candle. These will be lit shortly after the service begins and then offered as an act of remembrance towards the end of the service.

If the name of the child you have come to remember is not already in the 'Remember our Child Book,' and you would like them to be remembered by name in this service, please fill in one of the blue forms that can be obtained from the Lay Assistants at the back of the main entrance to the cathedral. Please return this form to a Lay Assistant before the start of the service so that your child's name can be added to the list of names to be read out during the Act of Remembrance. We encourage you to do this.

You can also use this form to have your child's name added to the Remember Our Child Book of Remembrance so that they will be remembered every year on the anniversary of their death at our quiet 9am Holy Communion service. The Cathedral will write to you to acknowledge when your child's name has been added to the book and will keep you informed about future Remember Our Child services.

After the service you are welcome to sit quietly in the Boer War chapel by the main entrance and refreshments will be served in the Chapter House, accessed by the North door.

The date of next years' service will be Sunday 10th May 2026 at 2pm.

The Gathering

All stand whilst the Remember Our Child Book of Remembrance is processed from the West End of the Cathedral to the Podium.

Remain standing to sing the hymn.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Please be seated

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Canon Peter Walker

The Lighting of the Candles

Please go to the front of the nave to have your candles lit. The Easter Candle, positioned on the Podium, reminds us of God's promise of eternal life. Our candles are lit from this, and thus brings the hope of Easter directly into our lives, as we hold before God those whom we remember before him this afternoon. During the lighting of candles, a recording of the Cathedral Choir singing 'Do not be afraid,' by Philip Stopford will be played.

First Reading

I can't say I loved you' by Becky Hemsley
read by Julie James

I can't say I loved you. I just can't
Because it makes it sound as if my love is past tense.
Gone, finished, ended.
And that is so far from the truth.
My love is not in the past. It will never be gone.
I love you now. Still.
You didn't take all this love away with you. It stays. It lingers.
Some days it jumps up and hits me in the face just to remind me
that it is still here. Still persevering.
Some days it nudges me. Challenges me to keep going.
Daring me to find the strength to get through the day.
But mostly, it just resonates inside of me with everything I do.
With every step forward and every glance back.
Every close of my eyes. Every breath.
My love is not dependent on you being here.
There is nowhere far enough,
And nothing permanent enough
to stop me from loving you.
So I will not say I loved you.
Because I love you.
Still.

A period of silence is kept.

Second Reading

1 John 3.1-3

read by Stephen Tucker

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

*All **stand** to sing.*

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Please be seated.

Address

The Right Reverend Graham James

Prayers

led by the Revd. Dom Whitting: Senior Chaplain, Royal Cornwall
Hospitals Trust

Please sit or kneel

There will be a short pause for silent prayer before each response.

Let us turn to God in prayer.
We gather in remembrance of those whom we love and who
have died. We remember with fondness the many gifts they
shared with us.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for each parent, sibling and grandparent who has experienced the death of a child, and for their friends and family. Lord, comfort and console them. May they find peace and renewed hope in your love and the love of others.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the parents and relatives of children that have unexplained deaths, children who have died before birth or as a result of stillbirth, illness or accident. Help them to find assurance that with you nothing is lost or incomplete and uphold them with your love.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who mourn a child who has been the victim of a violent death or who has taken their own life. Renew in them your sustaining strength for we believe that there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for ambulance personnel, accident and emergency staff, doctors, nurses, police, clergy, funeral directors and all the professionals who help families at the time of the death of a child. May the skill, care and sensitivity with which they carry out their duties bring comfort and reassurance to the bereaved in their loss.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who support those who mourn. Encourage and strengthen by your blessing all those that give their time, talents and energy strengthening others who are experiencing sorrow, helping to nurture hope out of despair.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for each other as we remember the children who have died. Enable us to rest in your love for them and for us and lead us to seek opportunities to serve you in one another.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

All **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.**

Act of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is offered to God as we commend them to God's continuing love and care.

The names of the lost children are read.

Following this, Canon Peter says the following prayer

Lord of all, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed
that they may rest in peace.

We praise you for all who have entered into their rest
and reached the promised land where you are seen face to
face.

Give us grace to follow in their footsteps
as they followed in the way of your Son.

Thank you for the memory of those you have called to yourself:
by each memory, turn our hearts from things seen
to things unseen,
and lead us till we come to the eternal rest
you have prepared for your people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Canon Peter continues

Eternal Father, we offer our prayers for those
whom we have named before you.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

When we are lost and sick at heart,

All **We remember them.**

When we have a joy we crave to share
When we have decisions that are difficult to make
When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

All **We remember them.**

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

All **We remember them.**

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

All **We remember them.**

At the rising of the sun and at its setting,

All **We remember them.**

All **As long as we live, they too will live. For they are
now a part of us, as we remember them.**

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

All **Amen.**

All stand to sing the final hymn.

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Please remain standing for the 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

You are invited to stay for refreshments in the Chapter House, which is accessed by the North door.

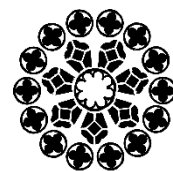
We are most grateful to St Eval Candle Company for providing candles, which members of the congregation can take home with them at the end of the service.

Please take this order of service away with you.

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