

*“The LORD will keep you from all harm—
He will watch over your life;
The LORD will watch over your
coming and going
both now and forever—more.”*

Psalm 121, verses 7-8

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¹The Act of Remembrance on the previous page is taken from
The Gates of Prayer, Reform Judaism Prayer Book

*St Cynfarch's Church, Hope, Flintshire, North-East Wales
with Emmanuel, Penyffordd &
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
invite you to*

A Quiet Service of Thanksgiving: In Memory of your Loved One



**7pm, Monday 2nd November 2020
(All Souls Day)**

**Watch Online: [www.facebook.com/
hopeparishchurch](https://www.facebook.com/hopeparishchurch)**

(and afterwards from www.hopeparishchurch.org/news)

*Or listen to our abridged telephone service on 01244 566311,
from 6pm, Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th November -
your call rates apply*

A personal invitation from the clergy & reader

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We hope that you are well or as well as you can be at present.

We are writing to invite you to our annual Quiet Service of Thanksgiving in Memory of a Loved One. This year, with churches in Wales closed due to the current 'Firebreak Lockdown', we are making the service available in two new ways: online and on the telephone.

This is a service written especially for you as one who like so many others have said goodbye to a loved one or loved ones within the last twelve months. In this time it may surprise you to know that over forty funeral services have been conducted by the Ministry Team of our three churches.

This service is written to give you time and space to give thanks for your loved one's life and remember them; to assure you that if you feel lonely that you are not on your own; and to encourage you that we as a church care for you. You may find it provides you with a way to know God's hope, peace and strength.

On the page opposite we've included some of the prayers that we will use in the service. During the service, you may like to have these prayers to hand. For the online service you may like to have a candle or tea-light to light in their memory too.

We wholeheartedly commend this service to you and pray that you will find the service helpful. Please extend this invite to others in your family who you feel may find the service helpful.

Prayers for during the service

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life and love of those whom today we remember. We thank you for the people they were to us, the love we shared, and the events that influenced our lives, helping us to become the people we were to them and they to us. As we now pause to honour their memory, let our love be an everlasting reality. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

An Act of Remembrance¹

In the rising of the sun and in its going down:

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter:

We remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the warmth of summer:

We remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn:

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends:

We remember them.

When we are weary and in the need of strength:

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart:

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share:

We remember them.

In love and thanksgiving we remember

[name anyone special to you, whom you have loved but see no longer]

We remember them.

A minute's silence in their memory

We remember our loved one's today and give thanks for the love they shared with us. We now move forward with courage and hope on our own journey through life. **Amen.**