

We have come into this

House of Prayer

to Remember and Honour those who have died in 100yrs of War

This year more than any other year we have heard their voices, we have told their stories and we have witness their untimely deaths.

As we listen to the voices of the dead they call out to us.

“Stop, turn around, change, DO SOMETHING. Honour us not just with words and ceremonies but with lives transformed. Don't let this happen again and again and again and again.

We died for Peace...you must live for Peace”

We have come into this

House of Peace

Because we need help, because we don't know how to live for Peace

We have always been at war, it is our human condition, it is what we do.

How can we make any difference, we are small insignificant and weak... How can we make any difference to the great powers of the world who wage war or the tribal conflicts whose origins are bedded deep into the land. How can we possibly honour the dead by living for peace.

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It is good and right that we have gathered here in this place that has at its centre the teachings of the greatest man of peace who ever walked the earth

Jesus of Nazareth

He does not speak of powers and politics, he speaks to each of us directly

He Says “ Love God..... Love your neighbour as yourself.... and if you would be perfect..... Love your enemy and do good to those who hate you.

These are words for you, not the person sitting next to you.....they call to the deepest sense of goodness and love in every person of every culture and creed. They speak to our everyday lives. They demand of us, each one of us the greatest human values as they ask

Are you a Peacemaker?

Do you control your anger? Do you resist spiteful words? Do you look with kindness on those who are different to you? Do you speak out against bullying and protect the victim; do you stand up against sexism, racism, and homophobia in your schools, work places and pub? Are you careful how you spend your money, how you invest, how you spend your leisure time?

Do you Love your Neighbour?

Do you love your enemy?

Are you a person of Peace?

We have come into this

House of Hope

Because we dare to believe that the Human race can change.

Because here is one of the few places in world where we dare to hope that we can live up to our highest calling and that we can ... starting now... build 100yrs of Peace

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Here

We dare to believe that we can be

MORE LOVING

MORE FORGIVING

MORE CREATIVE

MORE INTELLENT

Than we have ever been

That God is right to believe in us

That we can be Blessed Peacemakers

Each one of us, one at a time, in our lives, in our homes, in our hearts.

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The dead of 100yrs call out to us

“Remember we died for peace”

We honour them today by giving or lives for peace

AMEN