

Commemorating the Centenary of World War I
An Inter-Faith Prayer Service for Peace
St Winefride's Community – Neston - 26th November 2014

Presenter: Mrs Dawn Ormes (Headteacher, St Winefride's School)

Welcome Speech: Mr Phil Bramhall, Governor, St Winefride's Primary School

Hymn: All are Welcome

Prayer & Reflections: Rev Marcus Torchon (Methodist Minister)

From Hindu Sacred Scripture: Lead me from Death to Life – Jack Harper

Prayer & Reflections: Dr Banerjee (Hinduism)

From Judaism: Come Let us Go up to the Mountain of the Lord – Evie Barber

Prayer & Reflections: Mr David Arnold (Judaism)

Hymn: Shalom

From Islam: Praise be to the Lord of the Universe – Lean Eugenio

Prayer & Reflections: Imam Kari Khalid (Islam)

From Buddha: May Every Creature Abound in Well-being and Peace – Alinor Herzberg

A Celtic Prayer for Peace: Deep Peace of the Running wave to You – Simon Byrne

Prayer & Reflections: Rev Alan Dawson (Vicar, CofE, Neston)

Hymn: Make me a Channel of Your Peace

From Christianity: Blessed Are the Peacemakers – Izzy van Opstal

Prayer and Reflections: Sister Mary Agnella (Superior, Mother Teresa's Community)

Vote of Thanks – Fr Ravi Bosco – with presentation of gifts by Lizzie Wilson, Kyle Cottrell, Grace Parry, Ben Taylor, Alisha Peters and Mgr Chris Lightbound

A Blessing: Let us go forth into the World with Peace – Harry Forshaw

Hymn: If I were a Butterfly...

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Adapted from the Hindu Upanishads: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace.

Judaism: Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken

Prayer Inspired by The Qur'an 6:127: Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations. Give us wisdom that we may know each other and not despise all things. We shall abide by thy Peace. And, we shall remember the servants of God are those who walk on this earth in humility and, when we address them, we shall say Peace unto us all.

From the Buddha: May every creature abound in well-being and peace. May every living being, weak or strong, the long and the small, the short and the medium-sized, the mean and the great, may every living being, seen or unseen, those dwelling far off, those near by, those already born, those waiting to be born, may all attain inward peace.

Celtic Peace Prayer from Antiquity: Deep Peace of the running wave to you, deep Peace of the flowing air to you, deep Peace of the quiet earth to you, deep Peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the shades of night to you, moon and stars always giving Light to you.

Christianity: Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be known as the Children of God. But I say this to you: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To those who strike you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from those who take away your cloak, do not withhold your coat as well. Give to everyone who begs from you, and of those who take away your goods, do not ask them again. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

A Blessing: Let us go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christian Hymns for Peace: Children from St Winefride's Primary School - Neston

All are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell,
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end division:

Refrain: All are welcome, All are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness,
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as we claim the faith of Jesus

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayer of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Shalom

Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, shalom;
L'hitra'ot,
L'hitra'ot,
Shalom, shalom.

Shalom, o my friends,
Shalom, o my friends,
Shalom, shalom;
The peace of Christ,
I give you today,
Shalom, shalom.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

If I Were a Butterfly..

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

Chorus

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a
smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your
child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for making me, me