

**Act of thanksgiving
for our community
Thursday 2nd June 2022, 7pm**



Candles around the war memorial are lit.

Opening responses

All The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.

All How good it is, how wonderful,
to live together in community.

All Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.

All Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Words of welcome are given.

All Dear God,
**Be with us as we give thanks for our community,
and help us to trust in going forward
that you are always with us.
Be close to us as we remember those who have died,
and help us to trust they are at peace with you.
Show us how to reach out to others
with kindness and with care,
so that hope shines out in every heart and home,
Amen**

Reflection music/period of silence

Bible reading – Ecclesiastes 3.1-8

Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to break down and a time to build up,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to seek and a time to lose,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Reflection – *the Revd. Joe Roberts*

Candle lighting

Time of Prayer

Loving God,
You hold all our times in your hands, our past, our present, our future. Be close to us now as we remember all the difficulties and disappointments during the pandemic. Be especially close to all of us who are thinking of someone we loved and knew, but see no longer, whether family, friend, colleague or neighbour. Help us to trust that they are at peace with you, and comfort us with your presence.

Loving God,
Help us to live as people of hope, light and love.

Inspire us in our lives to bring comfort and joy to others. Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit, and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead. Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you, that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet.

Loving God,

You place us in families and communities, and we give you thanks for all those around us who serve us and help us in so many ways. Give wisdom to community leaders, to our schools, hospitals, care homes and other agencies who make a difference to our lives. Help each of us to have the courage to reach out with thanks and kindness to those around us and to speak words of faith as we share the good news of your love

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.

Reflection music/period of silence

Thanksgiving

For the roots of our community,
and of *all* our communities:

All We thank you, living God.

For what we share together here,
and for the life we share with others:

All We thank you living God.

For our families, friends and neighbours,
and all that makes up our lives together:

All We thank you living God.

For the path that lies before us now,
and our futures in your hands:

All We thank you living God.

Closing responses

On our hearts and on our homes,
All the blessing of God.

On our coming and our going,
All the peace of God.

In our life and our belonging,
All the love of God.

May God the creator bless you.
May God the Son walk with you.
May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

All Amen.

We go in the peace to love and serve one another.

All Thanks be to God.

*Rev Joe and all at Holy Trinity wish you an enjoyable and fun time at the
Potten End Jubilee Festival.*

*For a run down of the various events please visit:
www.nettledenpottenendpc.org.uk/potten-end-festival-2022.*