A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME

Call to Remembrance

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns fell silent on the Western Front, to bring to an end the First World War. Our nation and commonwealth has recalled that moment through our Armistice and Remembrance events down the decades, decades which the men and women of our armed services have continued to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

And so we stand here today to remember lives sacrificed in the service of our Country and those traumatised and injured in conflict. May we have such a devotion to justice and freedom that the heroism of all who fought and still fight, may continue to be remembered in a nation of service and in a world of peace.

This I call to mind and therefore I have hope; the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning

Lamentations 3: 21-23

We meet in the presence of God.

We re-dedicate ourselves in your service O God that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven and that your kingdom of peace and joy may fill the hearts of people everywhere.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace;

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace
All **God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace
All **God give peace**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace
All **God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
May God give peace

All God give peace

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace

All God give peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;
May God give peace

All God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish and those names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.

All Amen

All join together in the Lord's Prayer

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. 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

Hymn

1 O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is thine arm alone
And our defence is sure

3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God
To endless years the same

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day

6 O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home

Lesson St John 15: 9-17

Short Address

Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

Placing of Wreaths

Poem

Legion Exhortation

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

All We will remember them

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today

Hymn

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise us the God of grace.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love; may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

All **Amen**

Blessing

National Anthem

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send him victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour
Long may he reign
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King

We would like to invite those here today who have lost family and friends over the years by war and terror to lay a Cross of Remembrance

The Cross of Remembrance is available from The Cairn

First Aid assistance can be found by the Curtis Museum and in the Assembly Rooms

For those unable to attend the Service it will be live streamed on Facebook through Alton Town Council and Wey Valley Radio

Polite reminder – if you are at the Service we ask you not to watch the live stream