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HENLEY-ON-THAMES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Order of Service

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023
11am



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THE BIDDING

The Mayor's Chaplain begins the Service:

My brothers and sisters today we gather, as we do each year, to pray for peace in the world God made, and peace for which so many have already laid down their lives, and for which so many continue to die, day by day. And we remember them before God with grief and pride and thanksgiving.

We pray for all who suffer still because of war and terrorism; and we ask for God's help and blessing for ourselves, that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

So now let us remember before God our Father, and commend to his love and sure keeping, the souls of those who have died for their country in war, those whom we knew and those whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died through the ages in the service of their fellow men and women.

Mrs Anne Evans, Chairman of the Royal British Legion:

They shall grow not 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.

Laurence Binyon, For the Fallen

All: **We will remember them.**

The Last Post will be sounded

TWO MINUTE SILENCE

The Reveille will be sounded

Mrs Anne Evans, Chairman of the Royal British Legion:

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today.

John Maxwell Edmonds, Kohima Epitaph

The Mayor's Chaplain:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Mayor's Chaplain:

May they rest in peace

All: **And rise in Glory.**

The Mayor's Chaplain:

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your
presence;
may that same peace
calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

The Mayor's Chaplain announces the hymn:

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time,
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand:
Till we have built Jerusalem,
In England's green and pleasant Land.

The Town Clerk, Sheridan Jacklin-Edward:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:1-12

THE PRAYERS:

Let us pray for the peace of the world:
for statesmen and rulers that they may have
wisdom to know, and courage to do what is right;
for all who work to improve international
relationships, that they may find the true way to
reconcile people of different race, colour, and creed;
and for men and women the world over that they
may have justice and freedom, and live in
security and peace:
Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled,
for the mentally distressed,
and for those whose faith in God and man has
been weakened or destroyed;
for the homeless and refugees,
for those who are hungry,
and for all who have lost their livelihood and security;
and for those who mourn their dead:
Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ, we cannot be parted,
either by life or by death;
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all with them to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE MAYOR’S ADDRESS

The Mayor’s Chaplain announces the hymn:

I vow to thee, my country

I vow to thee, my country,
All earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
The service of my love;
The love that asks no questions,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest
And the best;
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness,
And all her paths are peace.

The Mayor's Cadets for Remembrance

"My Motto" by Etienne de Grellet
Read by Cadet Sergeant Angus Timblick-Statham (SCC)

> I shall pass this way but once.
> Any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now.
> Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again

"Ye Wearie Wayfarer" by Adam Lindsay Gordon
Read by Cadet Aleks Kluch (RAFAC)

> Life is mostly froth and bubble,
> Two things stand like stone
> Kindness in another's trouble,
> Courage in your own.

"Freedom" from the regimental archive of the Sherwood Foresters. Authors unknown
Read by Cadet Corporal Angelika Gwiazda (ACF)

> Our heritage has always been freedom,
> We cannot afford to relinquish it,
> We the armed forces will
> Safeguard the heritage,
> If you too do your share to preserve it.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Mayor's Chaplain:

> Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All: **Lord God our Father,**
we pledge ourselves to serve thee and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of thy name.
Guide us by thy spirit;
Give us wisdom;
Give us courage;
Give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Mayor's Chaplain announces the 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.

BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and may Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS

The Deputy Lieutenant - Lady Cynthia Hall DL
The Mayor of Henley on Thames – Cllr Kellie Hinton
On behalf of the MP – Mr Will Hall
On behalf of Oxfordshire County Council –Cllr Stefan Gawrysiak
On behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council – Cllr Ken Arlett
On behalf of the Royal British Legion – John Green

To lay wreaths in pairs:

Army Cadets	and	Air Cadets
Sea Cadets	and	4th Battalion Oxon & Bucks Infantry
Henley Fire Service	and	Police Service
Ambulance Service	and	St Johns Ambulance
All Churches	and	All Primary Schools
Rupert House	and	St Marys School
Brownies	and	Scouts, Cubs & Beavers
Henley Lions	and	Henley Rotary Club
RNLI	and	Henley Bowls Club
The Henley Society	and	River & Rowing Museum
Henley Youth Festival	and	Henley Herald
Phyllis Court Club	and	Henley WI
Henley Freemasons	and	Gainsborough Resident Assoc.
Henley College	and	Kenton Theatre
Twinning Association	and	Henley Quakers

Any other members of the public or organisations who wish to lay a wreath

THE MARCH PAST

Following the march past, you are invited into the Town Hall where light refreshments will be served

