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# Service of Remembrance

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

10.55 a.m.

*Thank  
you.* 

ALL WHO SERVED, SACRIFICED,  
AND CHANGED OUR WORLD

1918-2018

# The Gathering

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in  
penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all  
who in bereavement, disability and pain,  
continue to suffer the consequences of  
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

Hymn ~ O God our help in ages past

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

**Beneath the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

***Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Will bear us all away;  
We fade and vanish, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.***

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

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

## The Royal British Legion Exhortation

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.

**We will remember them.**



## The Act of Remembrance

**Bugler sounds “The Last Post”**

*The Standards Dip*

We observe the two-minute silence

**Bugler sounds Reveille**

*The Standards are Raised*

Most merciful and ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence:  
grant that we, being faithful till death,  
may receive with them the crown of life that never fades,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Listening for the Word from God

**Matthew 5:1-12**

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.'

## Address

## Praying Together

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.

**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

**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

**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

**God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who  
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

**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

**God give peace**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose 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 for ever.

**Amen.**



Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

## Wreaths are laid

The wreaths are laid in this order

Lord Lieutenant or his representative

Civic VIP

Representatives of regular forces

Representatives of territorial and reserve forces

Representatives of ex-Service associations, including RBL & RBLWS

Representatives of uniformed public services (police, fire brigade, ambulance services)

Representatives of uniformed voluntary services (St John, Red Cross etc)

Representatives of cadet forces

Representatives of youth organisations

Vicar of Littleborough

## The Kohima Epitaph

Said by a Veteran

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

## 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 question, 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.***

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

## Responding in Hope and Commitment

The act of commitment is made

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.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always.  
Amen.**

# The National Anthem

*God save our gracious Queen  
Long live our noble Queen  
God save the Queen  
Send her victorious  
Happy and glorious  
Long to reign over us  
God save the Queen*

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

# The Blessing

Those wishing to place tributes on the  
War Memorial may do so after the Blessing  
Refreshments will be served after the Service in  
Holy Trinity and at Hare Hill House.

At 12.30 p.m. today, Holy Trinity will hold a service of  
Holy Communion as we continue to commemorate the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, during which we will read the names of  
all our local soldiers, and you are most welcome to join us.

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