Minister: Let us symbolically remember today, on behalf of all those who have died, this man who lost his life so tragically. May we commend him and all of them to your tender care. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

*Wreaths are now laid*

*Closing Prayer*

Minister: We close our time together by praying for all who suffer as a result of war: for the injured and disabled, for the bereaved, and all who find these memories painful; for all victims of tyranny and oppression today; and for those whose faith in God or humanity has been weakened or destroyed.

Father of all, we are all a part of your family and you call us to live together as brothers and sisters. Help us we pray to overcome the barriers that divide people and nations from one another. Bless every effort being made to bring peace and understanding to the world, so that we may learn your ways and serve your will. In the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Blessing*

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

**Act Of Remembrance**

**Saturday 11th November 2023**

**St. Mary’s Church, Andover**

# Our service begins at the Cenotaph

Minister: Father of all people and lover of all You have made, as on this day we hold in grateful remembrance those who died in time of war, we pray that the leaders of the nations may seek Your righteousness, so that the whole world may find the peace only You can bring; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister:Lord of all the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of this our nation who in the day of decision ventured their all for the liberties we now enjoy. Help us to recognize the incalculable debt we owe them, that we may strive in our own time to maintain the true freedom in our nation, and to safeguard the peace which was won at so great a cost to so many; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping; those who have died for their country in war;

 those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;

and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

RBL: 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.

**Response: We will remember them.**

*Bugler sounds the ‘Last Post’*

*Standards are dipped*

*Lone Piper – Flowers of the Forest*

*The Silence*

*Bugler sounds ‘Reveille’*

Parade When you go home, tell them of us and say, for

Marshall: your tomorrow, we gave our today.

 **The Legion of the Living salutes the Legion of the Dead.**

**Response: We will not break faith with you.**

*Wreaths are now laid*

*Prayer of Commitment*

**We pledge ourselves anew to our work in support of the wartime generations and to all those in other conflicts since. We promise to do everything possible to help where there is a need, and to ensure that they may enjoy the years that lie ahead in comfort and dignity and contentment. Amen.**

*Closing Prayer*

Minister: Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers, Men and Women of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice. In that place of light, whence sorrow and mourning are far vanished, give them rest, 0 Lord, the Lover of Men. Grant this for your only Son, Jesus Christ’s sake. **Amen.**

*We continue our Act of Remembrance at the War Graves*

Minister: Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us during times of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May grace enable us this day to dedicate to the cause of justice, freedom and peace and give wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name through Jesus, Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister: God our Father, we pray for all those who continue to serve in the defence of our Nation, as soldiers, sailors and members of the Air Force. Bless all members of the

armed forces. Defend them in danger.

Give them courage to meet all occasions with discipline and loyalty. May they continue in the traditions established by those who have gone before them, to the honour of your name. **Amen.**

*Wreaths are now laid*

*We continue our Act of Remembrance at the grave of*

*Staff Sergeant Wilson*