



Service of Remembrance

Sunday 9th November 2025

The Garden of Remembrance, Andover

The Service is conducted by Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood
St Mary's Church

“We Will Remember Them”

10:45 am

Parade attention / Standards to the carry

– RBL Parade Marshal

(Parade Marshal then proceeds to the South Transept)

Professor Khalid Aziz, Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, and the Worshipful the Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Gordon Bailey, together with the Civic Party, leaves St Mary's Church by the South Transept. They are received in The Garden of Remembrance by the Royal British Legion Parade Marshall and shown to their standing positions.

Order Standards/ Parade Stand at ease, stand easy

– RBL Parade Marshal

BIDDING AND CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

We have gathered at this memorial today representing the whole community of Andover to remember especially all those from this town who were caught up in the courageous but tragic events of the First World War. We remember those who were killed in action or by disease or accident in that and more recent conflicts; the bereaved; the families which were shattered; the wounded, maimed and injured; those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare.

As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home here, let us pray that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace, and bring us his healing.

Hymn: JERUSALEM by William Blake *(to be sung by all)*

**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
Til we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.**

ADDRESS

Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

10:55am

*Parade to Attention / Standards to the carry
– RBL Parade Marshal*

The Mayor of Test Valley - Councillor Gordon Bailey

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.

10:57am

THE BURMA (KOHIMA) EXHORTATION On behalf of the Burma Star Association Andover

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

10:59am

THE EXHORTATION On behalf of the Andover Branch 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.

ALL: We will remember them.

Standards about turn – RBL Parade Marshal

11am Bugler to sound the 'Last Post'- Standards Dip

Lone Piper – Flowers of the Forest
(please do step back to allow the Piper to move through the Garden)

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

11.02am Bugler to sound 'Reveille' - Standards resume carry position

PRAYERS

Rev'd Sam Waako

Parade Stand at ease, stand easy – RBL Parade Marshal

WREATH LAYING

The Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire,
and The Mayor of Test Valley, will lay the first wreaths
followed by the Member of Parliament for North West Hampshire,
The President of the Andover Branch of the Royal British Legion
and Representatives of the Freemen of the Borough of Test Valley.

Remaining wreaths as set to be laid in fours.

Children from local schools will lay posies of poppies.

Standards about turn, standards to the order – RBL Parade Marshall

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev'd Sam Waako

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.
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**

THE COMMITMENT TO PEACE

Let us pledge ourselves today to live as good neighbours, to honour the past, to care for all who are in need, and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.

**All: Lord God, Father of all,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and this neighbourhood,
to bring relief to all who are in need,
and comfort to the sad, lonely and distressed.
Keep us ever mindful of the struggles
and achievements of former generations,
and of this place where we make our home,
now and in the days to come. Amen.**

Hymn: ABIDE WITH ME by H F Lyte *(to be sung by all)*

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away
change and decay in all around I see
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

THE BLESSING

Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

God grant to the living grace,
the departed rest,
the Church, the King,

the Commonwealth and all the world peace and concord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Parade, parade attention / Standards to the carry
– RBL Parade Marshal

The Branch President, will then say:

We who have served thank you for the honour you have paid our dead today.

NATIONAL ANTHEM *(to be sung by all)*

Union Flag will remain in the carry position, ALL other Standards will be dipped.

***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.***

The Deputy Lieutenant and Mayor will be escorted to the Norman Gate steps by the Royal British Legion Parade Marshall and the Civic Procession will proceed to the dais in Eastern Avenue for the salute.
(please do step back to allow the civic party to exit the Garden)

Standards to the order – RBL Parade Marshal
Fall out and reform – RSM 22 Engr Regt

The Parade will form up in Church Close but not leave Church Close until the Civic Procession is in Eastern Avenue.

The Mayor, accompanied by the Deputy Lieutenant, and the President of the Royal British Legion, will take the Salute in Eastern Avenue.

*All are invited to the Armistice Day Commemoration and 11am Silence here
in St Mary's Church Garden, on Tuesday 11th November from 10.50am*

Grateful thanks for their assistance with this Service go to:
22 Engineer Regiment, Army Air Corp, Test Valley Brass