



Service of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November 2026

The Garden of Remembrance, Andover

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

"We Will Remember Them"

10:30 am

All organisations to be in their allotted positions at the War Memorial.

Parade attention / Standards to the carry

– RBL Parade Marshal

Parade Marshal proceeds to the South Transept.

Mr Simon Tufnell DL, representing HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, and the Worshipful the Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Linda Lashbrook, 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

10.35am

Commencement of Service

Bidding and Call to Remembrance

We gather at this memorial today to worship Almighty God and to remember those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars and in more recent conflicts.

We remember those who died in battle, through disease or accident; those who were wounded in body or mind; the bereaved and families whose lives were shattered; and those who carried in silence the painful memories of war. We remember too those who remained anxiously at home.

As we honour their courage and sacrifice, let us pray for all who suffer through war today, that God may heal painful memories, bring comfort to those who grieve and grant his peace to our troubled world.

And may we, inspired by their example and sustained by God's love, devote ourselves to the service of others and the pursuit of peace.

In Flanders Fields – written in the First World War
by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae
Read by Mr Simon Tufnell DL

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts (1719)

(to be sung by all)

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

Under 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.

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home

Prayer of Confession

The Coventry Cathedral Litany

Led by Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class

All: Father forgive us.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own

All: Father forgive us.

The greed which exploits the work of the human hands and lays waste the earth

All: Father forgive us.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

All: Father forgive us.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee

All: Father forgive us.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children

All: Father forgive us.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God

All: Father forgive us.

All: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Reading

Revelation 21; v1-7. New International Version

Read by Cadence Diment

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Address

Rev’d Canon Peter Harwood

Intercessions

Rev'd Nicky Judd, Mayor of Test Valley's Northern Chaplain

Almighty God, the God of justice, not oppression, the God of peace and not of violence, deepen our gratitude for those who in various conflicts, gave themselves that we, and those of every nation, might live without fear; preserve the peace we now enjoy and extend it wherever scars of conflict remain unhealed, that your kingdom of righteousness and peace may triumph over all divisions which mar the world. God in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for those for whom war was not the end of suffering; for those widowed and wounded, the disabled and overstrained and all those whose faith has been shaken by what they have seen and endured. Loving God, strengthen them we pray, give them courage and hope and inspire us to do our part in caring for them

God in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the safety and peace we have in this land and for those who preserve it for us at the risk of their lives. Bless the leaders of the nations of the world; when they think of war put your peace in their minds; if they are tempted to be cruel, let your love fill their hearts.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We thank you Lord for all the good things you have given us, for all the people among whom we live, for the wisdom of the old and the enthusiasm of the young; may we always be able to recognise the good in one another and devote our energies to working towards the well-being of each and every member of our society.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Hymn: Thine be the Glory

Edmond Budry (1854-1932)

(to be sung by all)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

10:55am

Parade to Attention / Standards to the carry

– RBL Parade Marshal

Act of Remembrance
The Mayor of Test Valley - Councillor Linda Lasbrook

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.

10:58am
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

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

11.02am Bugler to sound ‘Reveille’ - Standards resume carry position

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.

Lone Piper – Flowers of the Forest

(please step back to allow the Piper to move through the Garden)

Standards about turn – RBL Parade Marshal

Act of Commitment

Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

We give ourselves this day to help, encourage and comfort others. To support those working for the relief of those in need and for the peace and welfare of all people

All:

Lord make us instruments of your peace

Where there is hatred, let us sow love

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is discord, union

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is sadness, joy

Where there is darkness, light.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever
Amen

Order Standards, Parade Stand at ease, stand easy – RBL Parade Marshal

WREATH LAYING

The Deputy Lieutenant 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.

THE BLESSING

Rev'd Canon Peter Harwood

Upon all the people of this nation whose lives are dedicated to the service of others, may God bestow his blessings of faithfulness and peace. 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 RBL Andover Branch President

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 Marshal and the Civic Procession will proceed to the dais in Eastern Avenue for the salute.

(please 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.

QR Code, to share with others, in order to access this Order of Service

QR CODE

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

POPPIES ARE FOREVER

Poppies are worn once a year
For sacrifices made in lands afar
This remembrance brings many a tear
Thinking of those who conquered fear
On land, sea and sky the state of war.

They gave us the freedom we hold so dear
Won with blood sweat and battlefield scar
Our freedom is thanks to brave men's death
Sacrifices they made for peace on earth
And many nations achieved their rebirth.

Remembrance is not just for November
"At the going down of the sun"
We will remember loss of a loving son
Final stand of a husband, father or a brother
And to tyrants we will never surrender.

Rajen Chhetri

Grateful thanks for their assistance with this Service go to:

22 Engineer Regiment, Army Air Corp, Test Valley Brass