

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 9th November 2025 3pm

Our thanks to:
Revd. Sue Foster, Rector of The River Were Churches
Warminster Royal British Legion
Warminster Community Radio
Warminster Garrison
Wessex MS Therapy Centre
Warminster Miltary Wives Choir

Welcome and introduction

Councillor Andrew Cooper Mayor of Warminster

OPENING SENTENCES SENTENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

I lift up my eyes to the hills from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. *Lamentations 3: 21-23*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. *1 John 1: 5*

BIDDING

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. Stir up your power, O God, and come among us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace.

HYMN

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 Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defence is sure.

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

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the dawning day. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Still be our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home! att. Issac Watts (1674-1748)

A Reading from the Gospel of St John

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15: 9-17)

Homily given by Reverend Lorraine Dobbin, ACF Chaplain

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to His safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we name and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Parade is brought to attention

The President of the Warminster Branch of the Royal British Legion says:

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

THE LAST POST

THE SILENCE

THE REVEILLE

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

Parade stand at ease

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

The names of those men listed on the War Memorial will be read out.

The Warminster Military Wives Choir will sing Brave, music and lyrics by John Haywood, Sean Hargreaves and Laura Wright

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

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)

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity: 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 Your service and all peoples,
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.

PRAYERS

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: God give peace.

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

May God give peace.

All: 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.

All: 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 forever.

All: Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, stretch forth Your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Gathering our prayers into one, if you are able, please join in by saying the Lord's prayer.

THE LORD'S 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN Jerusalem by William Blake (1916)

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain 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.

Parade is brought to attention

The Service ends with a Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace, and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen

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.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE Warminster men who fell in the Great War 1914–1918

J Adlam R E Akers W Angell A E Arnold W F Ball E A Bassett W J Beak L Berwick J Brown P W J Brown W Bull F Burgess W H Burgess

R B Butcher

S A Curtis W C Curtis H E Daniells S Dixon W Doughty J H Edwards C Elloway J A Everest T Everley

F H Butler J S Butler W S Cane H J Carr E W Carter R Compton S Compton G H Cooper V Creed A Curtis S Curtis T Farley W Franklin H Gaisford A J Garrett L E Garrett

P D Garrett W Garrett A V Greenland

A J Hall H T Hicks H Hill

O E Hiscock F Hobbs

E C Hoddinott A L Holton W T Holton F Howell A Hudd

W Humphries W C Hunt A James E S James H E H James

H Jones A J Kill E J Knee H D Labrum J Lewer

E Maidment W H Mead D Mees

H J Mitchelmore

S Moore F R Morgan S H Naile C Nash J Newall T A Noise E F Norris F Norris R Norris C Northover A J Parham

W H Pearce

O G Penny E D Perry E W Pope F Pope B Price G Price E H Prince G Prince W W Prince H F Rendell

J Rose K Sanderson R Scott T Self H R Sims W G Smith W C Strong T H Stubbs **H** Symes S Tancock W Taylor W Taylor

F Thompson

J A J Tisseman

W Titford A E Titt J F Titt F Tucker W C Turner E T Udall H G Webber C Whatley H J Whatley P Whatley C White W V White W Youdell

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE Warminster men who fell in the World War 1939–1945

A Dredge W F Pearce I G Baker E G Ball P Dunn R H Penn R H Phelps F Ball W Evans D D Bowie V Forde D Pitcher K Bray A H Fox A E Prince R Rimington S Brown J H Gadd A R C Butterworth D Girtley G W Salmons J C Haining G Carhart D Sherwood E R R Hannon M C Cave R A E Silcox R Chambers J W Hinton H J Stokes R G Claydon C W Holton W Stokes A Coates H Holton D P Teichman J C Collins M C Holton P R Teichman T Copestake C E Hudd J Thorne S W Cousins W J C Turner E H Jenkins H J Curtis R T Jones W E Watson J Curtis C H Knee C H Payne R L Doel

Warminster military personnel who have lost their lives in active service since the Second World War

H Fitz A Hotine

The names above are those engraved on Warminster's War Memorial.

ORDER OF LAYING WREATHS

HM Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire

The Mayor of Warminster

Member of Parliament and Wiltshire Council

Royal British Legion Men's and Women's Branches

Garrison Commander, Warminster

International Liaison Officers, Waterloo Lines

Regimental Associations

RAF Association

Red Cross and St John Ambulance

Fire Brigade and Police

CCF, ACF and ATC

Warminster Scouts and Guides

Warminster Military Wives Choir

Local organisations

All other wreath layers present and members of the public

(You may also lay wreaths after the ceremony has ended)



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