



WHITEHILL
TOWN COUNCIL
Serving Whitehill & Bordon



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thursday 11 November 2021

Town's War Memorial at the junction of Camp Road/Ennerdale Road

Service commences at 1040 hrs

Remembrance Silence 1100 hrs



Service conducted by The Reverend Wendy Mallas
Wreaths may be laid

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE

The Reverend Wendy Mallas

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns fell silent on the Western Front, to bring to an end the First World War. Our Nation and Commonwealth has recalled that moment through our Armistice and Remembrance events down the decades, decades during which men and women of our Armed Services have continued to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

And so over 100 years later, we stand here today to remember the lives of the sacrificed in the service of our Country, and those traumatised and injured in conflict. May we have such a devotion to justice and freedom that the heroism of all who fought, and still fight, may continue to be remembered in a nation of service and in a world of peace.

ALL

On this Remembrance Sunday, in union with nations and people throughout the world, let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict, those whom we knew and whose memory we lovingly cherish, and all those who have lived and died in the service of humanity. We remember with gratitude, their sacrifice, especially the 69 Servicemen from our Parish listed on our Roll of Honour.

HYMN

ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

(1860 by William Whiting)

WREATH LAYING BY:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Bisi Kennard, on behalf of
Whitehill Town Council

Hampshire County Council, Cllr Andy Tree

East Hampshire District Council Chairman, Cllr Adam Carew

The Royal Navy

British Army representative, Lt Col Mark Ludlow

The Royal Air Force

The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

The Royal British Legion

Lions International

Police

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

Relatives of the fallen

The general public



READING OF THE NAMES FROM THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
A member of the RBL & Cllr Adam Carew, Chairman – EHDC

69 names on our ROLL OF HONOUR

Charles Adams, William Allford, Alfred Allen, Thomas Alston,
John Amor, William Appole, James Atkins, Stanley Bartlett,
Frank Bicknell, Harry Blackman, Cyril Blanks, Arnold Briggs,
George Bullock, Bertram Cannon, Charles Clark, Fred Dewey,
Frank Duke, Frederick Fisher DCM, Stanley Fisher, Frederick Fullick,
Frederick A Fullick, William Godsmark, Viscount Robert Hawarden,
Arthur Heighes, Robert Hoare, George Hodder, John Holdon,
Joseph Hulbert, Arthur King, Edward Knowles, Jonathan Knowles,
Arthur Lennard, Thomas Lloyd, Herbet Lucas, Ralf Mahoney,
Job Matthews, Robert McKenzie, Frank Mileham, Charles Moss,
Arthur Munden, Alfred Naunton, Henry Newland, Jesse Norgate,
Arthur Norman, William Norris, Wilfred North, John OConnor,
Edward Painting, Albert Parkes, Kenneth Petyybridge,
William Porch, George Preston, Walter Pritchett, Harry Rudd,
William Shrubbs, Ernest Silvester, William Smedley,
Frederick Stewart, Frederick Sutton, William Taber, John Tucker,
Eric Tubb, William Warner, Frederick Whiting, Henry Whitmore,
Sidney Wilson, Frederick Windibank, Lawrence Woodger,
Percy Wrighting

The book is held in the Town Library.

Children to lay crosses on the War Memorial for each name read out.

**THE READING OF NAMES MAY BE HALTED
AT 11:00 HRS FOR THE EXHORTATION**

THE EXHORTATION

Maj Gen Alan Sharman CBE, CEng, FIMechE

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

LAST POST



REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH

Lt Col Mark Ludlow

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

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

The Reverend Iain Robertson

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.



HYMN

JERUSALEM

1st verse sung by The Town Mayor, Cllr Bisi Kennard

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?

ALL

**And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these 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.**

(William Blake)

THE ADDRESS

The Reverend Wendy Mallas

READINGS BY ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL CHILDREN

HYMN

THE TWO FATHERLANDS

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 questions, 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 Spring-Rice, 1859-1918)

PRAYERS

The Reverend Wendy Mallas

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.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Oakmoor School Head Students Noah Ayres & Sarah Bradshaw

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.

By John McCrae

John McCrae was a doctor in the Canadian Medical Corps and wrote this poem at Essex Farm near Ypres in Belgium after the death of a close friend.

WE SHALL KEEP THE FAITH

Oakmoor School Head Students Marley Scott & Noah Ayres

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

(Moina Michael, 1869-1944)

HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Reverend Wendy Mallas

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women, that we may be peacemakers in our homes, in our community, in our country and in our world.

ALL

Lord God, we pledge ourselves to serve all people in the cause of peace and for the relief of want and suffering. Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us always faithful. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Reverend Wendy Mallas

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 give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God Save the Queen!

1921-2021 - Centennial of the Royal British Legion

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers.
- The Comrades of the Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and in 1921 there were two million people unemployed.

Over 6 million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled.

Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war - wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependant.

Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War and they have been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

REFRESHMENTS

**Immediately following the service at the War Memorial.
After refreshments there will be a laying of wreaths at
The Canadian Memorial Garden, Budds Lane
and then at
The Military Cemetery, Bolley Avenue**

HISTORY OF THE POPPY APPEAL

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

The poem then inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

Also involved with those efforts was a French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921 where she planned to sell the poppies in London.

There she met Earl Haig, RBL founder, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as the emblem in the UK. The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year.

The poppies sold out almost immediately. That 1st "Poppy Appeal" raised over £106,000 to help veterans with housing and jobs; a considerable sum at the time.

Today's Poppy Appeal has 40,000 volunteers and distributes 40 million Poppies.