WHITEHILL
TOWN COUNCIL
Serving Whitehill & Bordon

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Saturday 11 November 2023

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

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

This year we have the pleasure in welcoming the 4 Armoured Close Support Battalion of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) who will march from The Shed past the town's War Memorial before the service starts.

They will set off from The Shed at 10.20am and march past the War Memorial before the service starts.

After the service has finished the Remembrance Parade will march back to the The Shed past the War Memorial.



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 Day, 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
FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear
their one true light.

O may thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them,
the victor's crown of gold.

And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again
and arms strong.

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful
warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of
paradise the blest.

But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array:
the King of glory
passes on his way.

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost

WREATH LAYING

Representing HM Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Jon Whitaker JP DL
with
Cllr Leeroy Scott, Town Mayor, representing Whitehill Town Council

Followed by
Cllr Anthony Williams, Chairman of East Hampshire District Council
Cllr Andy Tree, East Hampshire District Council (and County Councillor)
Cllr Adeel Shah, East Hampshire District Council
Royal Navy
British Army representative, Lt Col Mark Ludlow
Royal Air Force
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Royal British Legion
Lions International
Police
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
Community First Responders
Representatives of uniformed voluntary services
Representatives of cadet forces
Representatives of youth organisations
Relatives of the fallen
The general public



READING OF THE NAMES FROM THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
Col (Retd) M A Pendlington & WO1 (RSM) G King REME

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 Pethybridge,
William Porch, George Preston, Walter Pritchett, Harry Rudd,
William Shrubb, 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
Lt Col Mark Ludlow

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



2 MINUTES SILENCE

REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH
Col (Retd) M A Pendlington

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

SAINT JOHN'S GOSPEL 15: 9-17
The Town Mayor, Cllr Leeroy Scott

Jesus said, 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 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God



HYMN
BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and thy true Son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE ADDRESS
The Reverend Wendy Mallas

READINGS BY Woodlea Primary School children

HYMN
JERUSALEM

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 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)

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
Milada Ilchuk, Oakmoor School Head Student

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
Cadet Lance Corporal Natalie Stokes

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
GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART

1st verse sung by Cllr Bisi Kennard

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

ALL

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

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

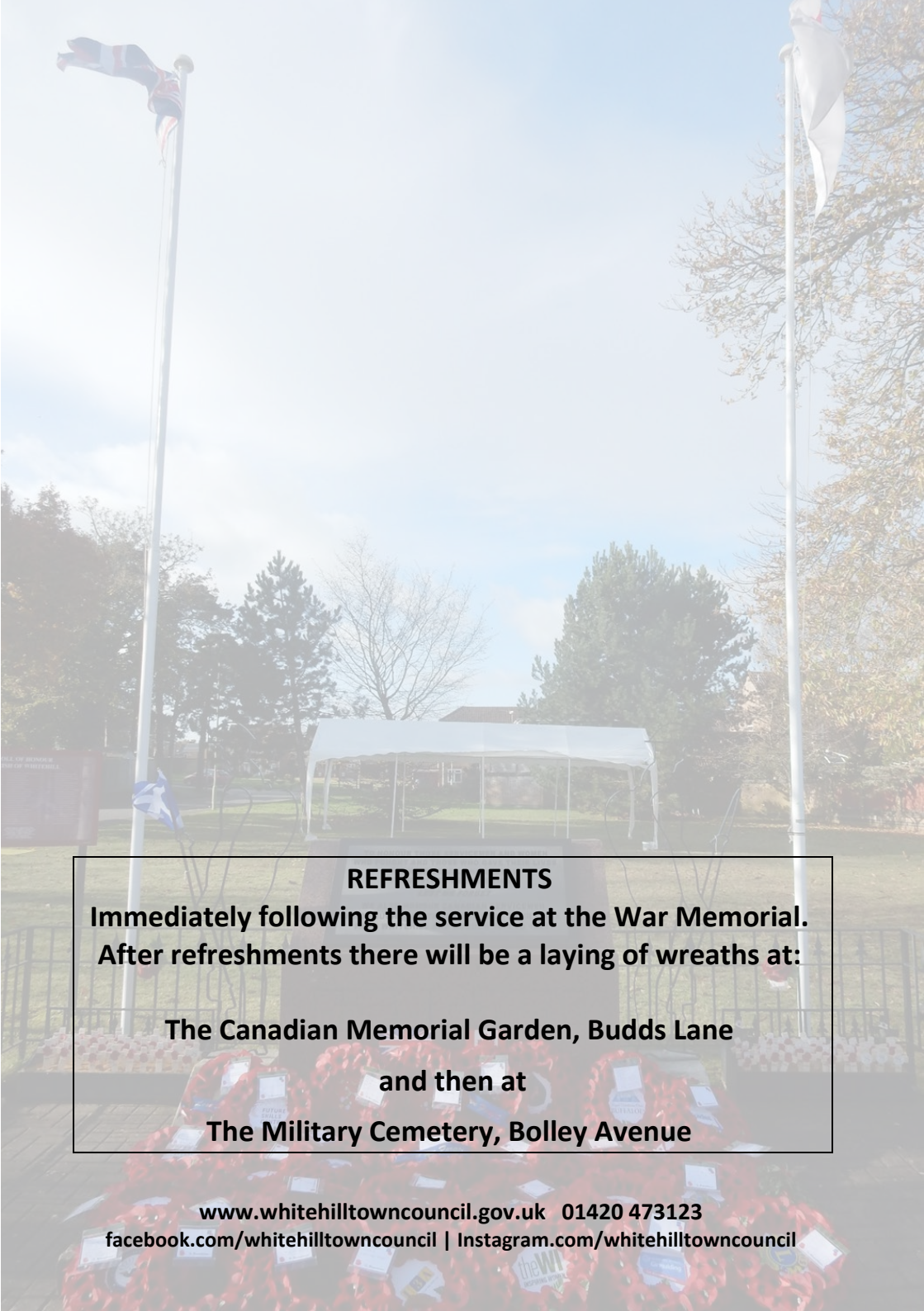
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God Save the King!



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

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