

OTTERY St MARY

PARISH CHURCH

**SERVICE
FOR
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

Clergy and choir gather

Minister: God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

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*

Those who wait for the Lord shall
renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

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.

HYMN

PAIN & PENITENCE

PRAYER *please sit or kneel*

Minister: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class
family from family

Response: Loving God, forgive us

Minister : For the selfish desires of people and nations to possess what is not their
own

Response: Loving God, forgive us

Minister : For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the
earth

Response: Loving God, forgive us

Minister : For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

Response: Loving God, forgive us.

Minister: For our indifference to the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, all
innocent children.

Response: Loving God, forgive us

Minister: We ask you loving God, to help us to be kind, tender and openhearted so we
can forgive each other as you did us. Through your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Bible reading

ADDRESS:

During the following hymn the standard bearers will process to the chancel step

HYMN 139 For the healing of the nations

Minister: let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping, those who have served their country and died in war, whose memory we treasure; let us also remember all who have lived and died in the service of others.

Last Post is played

The standards and flags are dipped in salute.

Two minutes of silence are observed.

The end is signalled by the playing of the Reveille.

NATIONAL ANTHEM : Hymn 177 first verse only

The standard bearers return to their seats leaving their standards at the chancel

Congregation to sit

READING a poem for Remembrance

INTERCESSIONS *sit or kneel to pray.*

Bidding: May God give us peace

Response: God give us peace

Minister: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us....

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.

The Minister will then ask the young people as well as members of the congregation and choir to come up to the nave altar to take a poppy and to place it on the Cross in memory of all who have given and are giving their lives for their country over the years. This will be done in silence.

CHOIR: ANTHEM -

HYMN

During this hymn a collections will be taken for the British Legion.

An Act of Commitment

Congregation remain standing

Minister : Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will

Minister : Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will

Minister : Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will

Minister: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Standard bearers collect their standards, and process out of the church to the War Memorial, followed by the choir, ministers, dignitaries and congregation.

[If the weather is inclement the congregation will stay in the church for the following. The standard bearers and wreath layers will go out after the Blessing to lay the wreaths. Members of the choir will process out to the church door and the congregation may go outside or stay inside to have a moment of silent prayer and

remembrance.]

Minister : Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,
Die in your favour
Rest in your peace,
Rise in your power,
And reign in your glory.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The wreaths are laid by those commissioned to lay them.

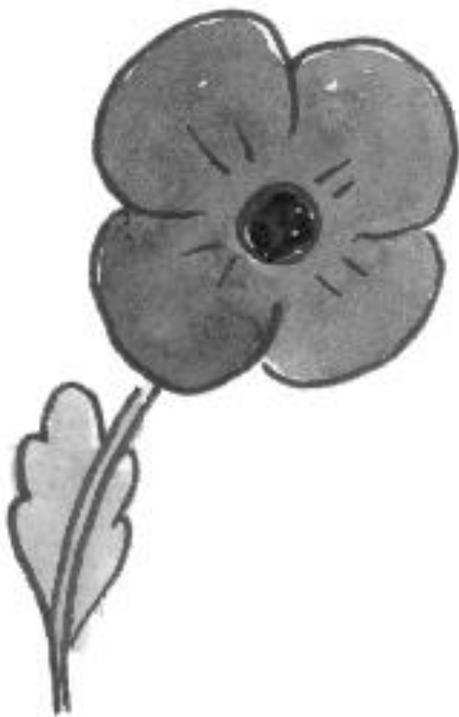
Representative of the British Legion says the following:

They shall not grow 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.

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

Blessing



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