



# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

## at the War Memorial for the community of Bollington

### INTRODUCTION

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 46.1*

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.

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## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

*An older person says:* They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

*A younger person replies:* At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All affirm:* **We will remember them.**

## **THE LAST POST**

## **TWO MINUTES SILENCE**

## **THE REVEILLE**

The Kohima Epitaph is said on behalf of the Royal British Legion:

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

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **THE LAYING OF WREATHS**

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**

## **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.**

## **THE BLESSING**

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen**

**After the service, a collection will be taken  
for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves  
to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

*All:* **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

*All:* **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

*All:* **We will**

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

Beneath 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.

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

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Will bear us all away;  
We fade and vanish, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

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

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,  
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## REFLECTION

### PRAYING TOGETHER

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;

*All:*                    may God give peace  
**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;

*All:*                    may God give peace  
**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;

*All:*                    may God give peace  
**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;

*All:*                    may God give peace  
**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;

*All:*                    may God give peace  
**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 for ever.

*All:*                    **Amen.**

All join together in the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**