

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at the WESHAM WAR MEMORIAL

INTRODUCTION

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

Psalm 46.1

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.

HYMN

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, are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

(I. Watts 1674-1748)

READING

ending with This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PRAYERS

including ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE EXHORTATION

'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

THE LAST POST

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

THE REVEILLE

LAYING OF WREATHS

HYMN

Abide with me fast falls the eventide, The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide, When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour, What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power, Who like Thyself my Guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine Lord, abide with me. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies, Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee, In life, in death, O Lord, Abide with me.

(H.F. Lyt 1847, W.H. Monk 1889)

POEM

CLOSING PRAYERS

You are invited to respond: God give peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
In Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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 KOHIMA EPITAPH

"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. You are invited to respond: **We will.**

THE GRACE

All: The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all forever more. 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.

BLESSING

PARADE: To process to the Community Centre.

Clergy, The Mayor of Wesham and Civic Officers will take the salute at Christ Church steps.

Everyone welcome to join us for refreshments at the community centre.