



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS Remembrance Day Service



Order of Service

Welcome and Introduction

We meet in the presence of God, to 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 meet in the presence of God, to pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We meet in the presence of God, to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

The Lord be with you

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 & pleasant land.

William Blake (1757 – 1827)

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God and
commend to His sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war,
those whom we new, and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

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.

The Last Post The Silence Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

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

Our Commitment

All: We pledge ourselves anew to our work in support of the wartime generations and to all those in other conflicts since. We promise to do everything possible to help where there is a need, and to ensure that they may enjoy the years that lie ahead in comfort and dignity and contentment.

Bible Reading

John 15: 9 – 13 or John 14: 1 – 7 or Revelation 21: 1 - 7

Hymn: I Vow to Thee my Country

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

concluding with:

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.

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 ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, 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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All: Amen.

