

REMEMBRANCE DAY

**11 o'clock
9th November**

**Church Road, Ashford
Parade begins at 10:40**

Lest we forget



Words of Welcome

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

Welcome to the Ashford Remembrance Day service. I am delighted that you can be here with us at our town's place to remember, to join us in remembering those who have courageously served their country and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Bidding Prayer

Minister

We meet in this special place and 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 come to pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We come to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow

those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; the evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

(Observation of a short silence)

Minister

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you, and are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you asking that you have mercy on us, and teach us to live rightly in love and peace with you and with all mankind.

All Amen

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Act of Remembrance

Minister

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 forever.

All Amen

Parade Up

The Exhortation

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

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

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

When you go home tell them of us and say,

for your tomorrow we gave our today.

At ease

Bible Reading: Micah 6.6-8

Minister

What can we bring to the Lord?

Should we bring burnt offerings?

Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of young calves?

Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?

No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: O God, our help in ages past

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

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home!

Intercessions

Minister

We pray for all who have died or suffer as a result of conflict.

Those whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,

For service men and women, for civilians,

For those held captive, each one remembered by and known to God.

May God give peace

All God give peace

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers; Those who seek to keep this world secure and free;

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.

May God give peace:

All God give peace

Finally, we pray for all members of the Armed Forces who are in danger this day,

remembering family, friends

and all who pray for their safe return.

May God give peace:

All God give peace

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

Act of Commitment

Minister

As we prepare to leave this place 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

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

Parade Up

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.

At ease

Wreath Laying

Musical Interlude performed by Staines and Lammas Brass Bands

The Blessing

Minister

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,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you all and remain with you always.

All Amen

Go forth with hope and seek for peace in the service of God.

All Amen

Dismissal Parade

This order of service is based on that of the National Memorial Arboretum Service, our national focal point of Remembrance.

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