

ORDER OF SERVICE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The Annual Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
St John's Road
for the Community of Hedge End

GATHERING

ALL GATHER IN SILENCE

The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:

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

This call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

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

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

THE PRESIDING

MINISTER CONTINUES

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.

R E M E M B E R I N G

OLDER PERSON: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

YOUNGER PERSON: At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

ALL AFFIRM: **We will remember them.**

T W O M I N U T E S I L E N C E

**THE COMPLETION OF THE SILENCE IS SIGNALLED
BY THE PLAYING OF THE REVEILLE**

PRAYER:

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.
Amen.

A HYMN IS SUNG

**L I S T E N I N G F O R T H E W O R D
F R O M G O D**

THE READER SAYS: Hear these words from the New
Testament.

EITHER ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ARE READ

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

This is the message we have heard from
him and proclaim to you, that God is light
and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

OR THIS READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:1-12

P R A Y I N G T O G E T H E R

PRAYER IS LED:

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;

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;

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;

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;

May God give peace

God give peace

P R A Y I N G T O G E T H E R

for peacemakers and peacekeepers, who
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace
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.

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.

Amen.

ALL JOIN TOGETHER IN THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P R A Y I N G T O G E T H E R

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.

R E S P O N D I N G I N H O P E A N D C O M M I T M E N T

**REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
COME FORWARD TO LAY WREATHS, LIGHT CANDLES OR
OFFER OTHER SYMBOLS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE,
SUCH AS SINGLE FLOWERS OR CROSSES.**

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH:

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

A HYMN IS SUNG

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

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.

Amen

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IS SUNG

(HYMN 6)

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

**WITH THANKS ESPECIALLY TO HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL,
HEDGE END POLICE STATION, 13TH ITCHEN NORTH SCOUT GROUP
AND ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH FOR ORGANISING THIS
OCCASION.**

H Y M N S

HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG

HYMN 1

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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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

HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG

HYMN 2

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to of ourselves, that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

HYMN 3

Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts, and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land In this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG

Lord, of our world, when we disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, of ourselves; In living power remake us—
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us;
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

HYMN 4

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and
goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

HYMN 5

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, creator—God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG

HYMN 6

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.

HYMN 7

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.