

# FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS

At the Town  
War Memorial

Sunday  
12 November 2023



# Bidding Prayer

*led by Revd. Canon Andrew Dotchin  
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe*

## Hymn

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 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 guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

# The Act of Remembrance

*Revd. Canon Andrew Dotchin*

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind

## Ode of Remembrance

*Darren Aitchison, Chairman of Felixstowe Branch  
of the Royal British Legion reads:*

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.  
**We will remember them.**

## Last Post

*The Silence*

## Reveille

## The Kohima Epitaph

*Darren Aitchison, Chairman of Felixstowe Branch  
of the Royal British Legion reads:*

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

## Wreath Laying

*Wreath bearers are called forward by name of organization.  
Personal Crosses and tributes are laid after the parade.*

# The Prayers

*Revd. Canon Andrew Dotchin*

## ***For the Departed.***

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ***For the Armed Forces of the Crown***

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces of the Crown serving all around the globe:  
grant that meeting danger with courage  
and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,  
they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;  
to the honour of your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **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 Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Those present are invited to lay personal tributes at the War Memorial*

*Please join the Mayor and the Cadets at 12pm at Felixstowe Cemetery  
for a short ceremony at the war graves of combatants  
from both sides during the Two World Wars.*

*The Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion invites all veterans,  
serving military and partners to Felixstowe & Suffolk Bowls Club  
in St Edmunds Road directly after the parade.  
Hot food will be provided and the bar will be open.  
It would be great to see you there.*

## Hymn

*During this hymn wreath bearers move to the Town Hall for the Marchpast*

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.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, 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, O 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!

*The singing of the hymns at the War Memorial is accompanied  
by a contingent of The Band of the Felixstowe Salvation Army Corps.*

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## ***Wreaths will be laid by and on behalf of;***

David Sheepshanks *on behalf of*  
The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk  
Mayor of Felixstowe *on behalf of*  
Felixstowe Town Council  
Cllr Mark Jepson *on behalf of*  
Ms Therese Coffey MP  
Cllr Steve Wiles *on behalf of*  
Suffolk County Council  
Cllr Amanda Folley *on behalf of*  
East Suffolk Council  
Cllr Mike Deacon *on behalf of*  
East Suffolk Labour Group  
War Widows Association  
Royal British Legion  
Submariners Old Comrades  
Association  
23 Parachute Engineer Regiment  
Coldstream Guards  
Royal Anglian Regiment  
Old Comrades Association  
Royal Green Jacket Association  
Royal Engineers Association  
Suffolk Regiment Association  
RAF Association  
RAF Regiment Association  
TS Landguard Sea Cadets  
356 (Felixstowe) Squadron  
Air Cadets  
Felixstowe Detachment  
Royal Artillery,  
Suffolk Army, Cadet Force

Orwell District Scouts  
Girlguiding Colneis District  
Level 2 Youth Project  
Felixstowe School  
HM Coastguard  
National Coastwatch Institute  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Suffolk Constabulary Cadets  
Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service  
Felixstowe Masters Mariners  
Felixstowe Merchant Navy  
Association  
Mission to Seafarers  
The Seafarers Charity  
Bethesda Baptist Church  
Church of England Rural Chaplain  
and  
The Women's Royal Air Force  
Association  
Parish of Felixstowe,  
St John with St Edmund  
St Felix Catholic Church  
Temple of Light  
Christian Spiritualist Church  
The Salvation Army  
Felixstowe United Services Lodge  
Royal Antediluvian  
Order of Buffaloes  
Old Felixstowe Community  
Association  
The Felixstowe Society  
Ukraine 2 Felixstowe



# VETERANS' GATEWAY

The first point of contact  
for veterans seeking support

[veteransgateway.org.uk](http://veteransgateway.org.uk)