



# Armistice Day Service



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# **Introduction**

*Revd. Penny Brinkley*

*Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe*

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.

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 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.**

# Act of Remembrance

*Fred Davies*

*Chairman of the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion*

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.

*And all repeat*

**We will remember them.**

## *The Last Post*

*(a maroon is launched)*

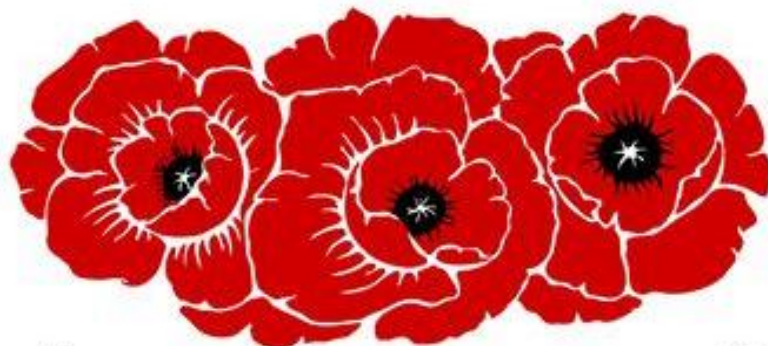
## *The Silence*

*(a further maroon is launched)*

## *The Reveille*

*The Kohima Epitaph is said:*

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



*Lest We Forget*

# **Act of Rededication**

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We fought for peace,  
that the world might never again  
know such violence and destruction.

Will you work for peace and reconciliation in your homes  
and communities, and promote peace throughout the world?

**With the help of God, we will.**

We fought for justice,  
that the scourge of prejudice and oppression might never again  
take root in our societies.

Will you work for a world in which hatred and injustice  
never have the final word, and where all people can flourish  
with dignity and hope?

**With the help of God, we will.**

We struggled so that the whole human family  
might know good will, security, and freedom.

Will you always acknowledge how precious are the gifts  
which God has entrusted to us, and exercise the freedoms  
and responsibilities you have with gratitude and humility?

**With the help of God, we will.**

May almighty God,  
who has given us the will to undertake these things,  
bless us with the strength to perform them.

**Amen.**

## **Laying of Wreaths**

*Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Town.*

# **We Lay a Poppy**

*Dedication by Felixstowe schoolchildren*

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
of service folk who left, never  
to return,  
falling in battle, buried at sea,  
or some corner  
of a foreign field,  
who gave what they had,  
and still do.  
For those conflicts  
of our past, and present,  
may the poppies grow,  
not just for their sake,  
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
of those left  
only with memories,  
of a telegram, a letter,  
of an image,  
a photograph, a story,  
who gave what they had,  
and still do,  
for the conflict  
that is not over.  
As the poppies grow,  
may healing also,  
not just for their sake,  
but for ours too.

## **Act of Remembrance**

Remember, Lord,  
your people, who cry to you in their grief.  
Remember, Lord,  
the fallen in battle, and the innocents who have died.  
Remember, Lord,  
your power to heal and save.

# **We Lay a Poppy (cont.)**

*Dedication by Felixstowe schoolchildren*

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
of the cost conflict brings to  
those without homes,  
whose men and womenfolk  
are taken,  
where children  
become fighters,  
and family and security  
are shattered,  
broken so often there is little  
else to break,  
for those who were taken  
before they could give,  
and still do  
(for such are the ways  
of this world).  
As the poppies grow,  
may hope also,  
not just for their sake,  
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
of those whose lives  
are haunted by death:  
the suffering  
all conflict brings,  
of destruction  
of all that is familiar,  
all that once could  
be trusted,  
of neighbours destroyed,  
of those who gave  
without a choice,  
and still do,  
in a world  
that chooses conflict.  
As the poppies grow,  
may reconciliation also,  
not just for their sake,  
but for ours too.

## **Act of 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**

## **We Lay a Poppy (cont.)**

*Dedication by Felixstowe schoolchildren*

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
of war and blitz,  
of power-mongering  
and loyalty,  
of soldier and civilian,  
of arms dealers  
and landmine victims,  
those who gave,  
and still do  
for a war that is not over.  
As the poppies grow,  
may peace also,  
not just for their sake,  
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy  
**We lay a poppy**

in remembrance,  
that is not just about  
the past, but the future,  
knowing that the cost  
has been too great,  
and always will be.  
Yet there waits a God,  
who holds the silence knowing  
how great the cost is,  
more than anyone can.  
For that silence  
is cross-shaped.  
As the poppies grow, may love  
also that they never die,  
not just for our sake,  
but for the sake of generations  
to come.

## **Laying of Poppies**

*Schoolchildren will lay poppies around the War Memorial.*

## **The Peace Prayer**

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Lord, make us instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, union;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*This prayer (often attributed to St Francis) was written in 1915 by a chaplain in the French Army after his soldiers asked him for a prayer to take with them into the trenches.*

## **The Blessing**

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God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his 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.  
**Amen.**

*Please recycle your Poppy.  
Branches of Sainsbury's will have collection boxes available  
until the end of November.*

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