Armistice Day Service



11am

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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.



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 and Royal British Legion

We Lay a Poppy

Dedication by Felix Primary 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

Read by students from Felixstowe International College

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

Dedication by Colneis Primary 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

Read by students from Felixstowe International College

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 Langer Academy 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

A young person from the Home Education group

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 French Army chaplain after his soldiers asked him for a prayer to take with them into the trenches.

Closing Prayer

Giver of peace, I pray for an end to war,
but there can be none without living for peace.
I pray for peace in the world
but there can be none without peace in the nations.
I pray for peace in the nations
but there can be none without peace in the communities
I pray for peace in the communities
but there can be none without peace between neighbours
I pray for peace between neighbours
but there can be none without peace in the home
I pray for peace in the home
but there can be none without peace in the heart
Give peace in my heart this day O God
and when the fighting of this world overwhelms me
let me know that peace begins with me
prayers from Celtic Wheel of the Year

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.

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