Service of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November 2026

9.45am
St John The Baptist Church
Orwell Road

also

10.45am
The War Memorial
Felixstowe Sea Front

and

12pm
Felixstowe Cemetery
at the war graves
of combatants
from both sides during
the Two World Wars





Welcome

Revd. Penny Brinkley
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

During the singing of this hymn the standards are brought forward

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 Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

For service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
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;

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, asking
for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

All our prayers we bring together in the words which Jesus taught:

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.

Bible Reading

Read by: Cllr Darren Aitchison, Mayor of Felixstowe

A Reading from Ecclesiastes

The Value of a Friend

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their
toil. **10** For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is
alone and falls and does not have another to help. **11** Again, if two lie
together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? **12** And
though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A
threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

At the end the reader says:
This is the Word of the Lord
All say:
Thanks be to God

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,

where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Psalm 23

(To be said antiphonally with the congregation)

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Address

Given by: Reverend Helen Rengert

Why Do I Wear A Poppy?

Read by: Kim Balshaw, RAF retired

Why do I wear a poppy?
I'll tell you if I may,
Because I believe remembrance
Is not only for one day.
I wear it for the fallen,
And for those falling still.
For those who come back broken
In body or in will.
For the parents, spouses, siblings
Where bereavement takes its toll.
Whose pain will never leave them,
It eats into their soul.
For the wino on the corner,
Of his old life nothing's left.
Now he wishes when in battle
He had died a hero's death.
For the lad who loved a kick-about
In the park with all his mates,
But now his legs are held together
With pins and metal plates.
For the selfless men and women
Whose final journey home

Is in a Union flag-draped coffin
On comrades' shoulders borne.
For all those marching proudly
In Remembrance Day parades.
My poppy's worn in gratitude
For the sacrifice they made.

by Anne Starr

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

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

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

Oh, 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 in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

Prayers

Read by: Reverend Helen Rengert.

God of Peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Praise you Source of all Love
Surrounded by those who have uncommonly loved and rest now from their labours
Hallowed be the light they left behind that continues to blaze here and sparks generations of little lights, making all the difference in this dark world.
Praise to you that your love can never be put out.

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

God our strength and refuge

During the singing of this hymn the standards are returned and an offering is taken in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her-
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence-
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations-
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

The Standards gather in front of the Rood Screen.

In Memory

Read by: Fred Davies
Chairman of Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion

Remember Ypres, Gallipoli, the Somme, Mons and Verdun.

Remember the Western Desert, El Alamein, the Normandy beaches.

Remember Coventry, Dresden, Hiroshima and the Burma Road.

Remember Korea, the Falklands, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, East Timor, Afghanistan and the Gulf.

Remember Myanmar, Ukraine, The Yemen, Ethiopia and the too many places across the world where conflict persists.

Remember the courage, the comradeship, the ingenuity,
the spirit of working together for a common cause,
the planning together for a better world that would come with peace.

Remember the call to arms, the patriotic songs, the partings which were such sweet sorrow. The sound of the drum, the skirl of the pipe, the prayer that God would be on our side.

Remember the carnage; the colossal horror of war.
Remember the widows of sixty years and more, the old men and women who never knew their fathers.

Remember the love that was lost, the wisdom wasted,
the minds that are still pained by memories.

Remember the families bereft by recent wars and conflict.
Remember this day the children who will die while nation fights nation.

Remember the One who asked us to remember them.
God, remember us; and forgive us our sins against you and humanity.

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!

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!

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all people, 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 remain in your places whilst the Standard Bearers leave the Church

Cadets are asked to stay in the church until those not in uniform have left.

After this service please proceed to the War Memorial on the Sea Front for the Act of Remembrance. Please take this Order of Service with you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you parked outside the church please move your car as soon as possible to allow the Parade to form.

Remembrance Service



At the Town
War Memorial

Sunday
8th November 2026

Bidding Prayer

led by Revd. Penny Brinkley
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion,
Felixstowe Branch

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Eternal Father strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Universal Lord,
who suffered death by nails and sword,
from all assault of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go;
and evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land.

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
Who fills with strength the human race;
Inspire mankind to know the right,
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight;
And underneath thy wings of care
Guard all from peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Praise from the air, the land and sea.

The Act of Remembrance

Revd. Penny Brinkley
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe

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

Fred Davies,
Chairman of 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.
We will remember them.

Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

Fred Davies,
Chairman of Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion

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 organisation.
Personal Crosses and tributes are laid after the end of the service.

The Prayers

Revd. Penny Brinkley
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe

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.

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

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.

After Remembrance Sunday please recycle your Poppy.
The Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion invites all Veterans, serving
Military personnel and their partners to Felixstowe & Suffolk Bowls Club
in St Edmunds Road directly after the parade.
Food will be provided and the bar will be open.
It would be great to see you there.

Hymn

During this hymn the 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:

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Suffolk Constabulary & Woodbridge Constabulary
Martlesham Police Cadets
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