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

Hymn

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

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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:

DL Gulshan Kayembe, DL David Sheepshanks on behalf of H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk
Mayor of Felixstowe Cllr Darren Aitchison on behalf of Felixstowe Town Council
Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP for Suffolk Coastal
Cllr Michael Hadwen on behalf of Suffolk County Council
Cllr Jan Candy on behalf of East Suffolk Council
Cllr Mike Deacon on behalf of East Suffolk Labour Group
Royal British Legion – Felixstowe Branch
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Felixstowe Merchant Navy Association
Felixstowe Masters Mariners
Coldstream Guards
Royal Corp of Signals
Suffolk Regiment Association
Royal Anglian Regiment Old Comrades Association
Rhodesian Light Infantry
RAF Regiment Association
TS Landguard Sea Cadets
Felixstowe Detachment Royal Artillery, Suffolk Army Cadet Force
356 (Felixstowe) Squadron Air Cadets
Suffolk Constabulary & Woodbridge Constabulary
Martlesham Police Cadets
Suffolk Fire & Rescue
Parish of Felixstowe, St John with St Edmund
St Felix Catholic Church
The Salvation Army
Bethesda Baptist Church
Temple of Light Christian Spiritualist Church
Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes
Felixstowe Freemasons
HM Coastguard
National Coastwatch Institution Felixstowe
Felixstowe Lifeboat
Orwell District Scouts
Girlguiding Colneis District
The Lions Club
New Century Leo's
Felixstowe Society
Felixstowe Hospital League of Friends
Old Felixstowe Community Association
Felixstowe Museum
Felixstowe School
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