

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness,
And all her paths are peace.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and
all people, unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting and
The blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and
remain with you always.

Amen

The parade is dismissed

Thank you for attending today's act of remembrance.

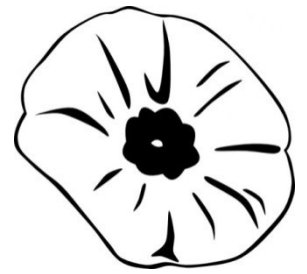
St Andrew's Church, at the end of the High Street, will remain open this afternoon as a quiet space to pause, reflect and remember those who we think of on this day. All are welcome to visit and add the names of loved ones to the poppy display.

Refreshments are available at Droitwich Working Men's Club.



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Remembrance Sunday



An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Droitwich Spa

The parade comes to order

Welcome

We meet in the presence of God to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations and for all people to live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of war, fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been taken away.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute brings.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing:
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Exhortation

A member of the Royal British Legion says:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

A younger person may reply:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm:

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence (2 Mins)

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Salute and Laying of Wreaths

We pause as wreaths are laid

After the wreaths have been laid we pray:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you
have gathered from the storm of war into the
peace of your presence; may that same peace
calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and
establish harmony among the nations, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Bible Reading

John 15:9-17 - 'Love one another.'

Reflection & Prayer

We pause for a short time of reflection and prayer, thinking about all that this day means.

We think about and pray for those we love, the world around us and all affected by war and conflicts past and present.

Responding in Hope and Commitment

As we gather today we remember the past, acknowledge the present and look to the future.

We invite you to commit yourself again to work together for a more peaceful world.

Whatever our age, we have a part to play in helping, supporting and comforting others.

We can reach beyond our differences and build bonds of trust.

We can seek each day to be generous, loving, forgiving, courageous and kind.

And so we ask:

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 commit to hold onto the hope of a more peaceful future and to play our part by living lives of justice, courage and mercy.

Closing Hymn

I vow to thee, my country,
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect,
The service of my love;
The love that asks no question,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.