



CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday Centenary Commemoration of the ending of the Great War

REMEMBERING

The Garrison Artillery Volunteers will fire an 18pdr Field Gun in New Park Recreation Ground. The firing will consist of ten blank rounds at 50 second intervals. The gun will then cease firing.

A representative of the Royal British Legion gives the Exhortation

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.

All affirm : We will remember them

The Last Post will signal the beginning of the two-minute silence.

Reveille will signal the end of the two-minute silence.

A representative of the Royal British Legion gives the Kohima

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

The Mayor's Chaplain commences the Service of Remembrance

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

We meet in the presence of God. 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.

The following prayer is said :

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 laying of wreaths at the War Memorial now takes place

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The following hymn is sung

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| 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home; | 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. |
| 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure. | 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. |
| 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same. | 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. |

THE READING by the Mayor of Chichester

St John's Gospel (John 15.10-13)

Jesus said, 'If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

PRAYING TOGETHER

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All join together in 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

Unveiling of the new statue in the Garden of Reflection and Reconciliation and dedication of new statue and memorial stone for Lt Col Elstob VC, DSO, MC

We are pleased this morning to unveil and dedicate a sculpture carved from Sussex Oak in the Garden of Reflection and Reconciliation. It commemorates all the men of Sussex who fought in the Great War. The sculpture is multi-dimensional showing both life in the trenches and a peaceful aspect of civilian life.

The following prayer is said :

Almighty God we bless this sculpture commemorating the centenary of the cessation of hostilities at the end of the Great War. We pray that all who gaze upon it in the future will reflect on the sacrifices made by the men of Sussex who were called to arms and fought to defend our nation. We give thanks for their courage and valour and for their selfless love in even laying down their lives for their friends.

We commemorate also the memorial stone dedicated to Colonel Wilfrid Elstob of the 1st Manchester Pals Battalion who was born in Chichester. He was killed in action in March 1918 and for his bravery was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Remembering Colonel Elstob and all who gave their lives, we ask:

May they rest in peace O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen**

The National Anthem is sung

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious
happy and glorious
long to reign over us
God save the Queen

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Sussex by the Sea is sung

Now is the time for marching, Now let your hearts be gay,
Hark to the merry bugles Sounding along our way.
So let your voices ring, my boys, And take the time from me,
And I'll sing you a song as we march along,
Of Sussex by the Sea!

Chorus

For We're the men from Sussex, Sussex by the Sea.
We plough and sow and reap and mow,
And useful men are we;
And when you go to Sussex, Whoever you may be,
You may tell them all that we stand or fall
For Sussex by the Sea!

Refrain

Oh Sussex, Sussex by the Sea!
Good old Sussex by the Sea!
You may tell them all we stand or fall,
For Sussex by the Sea.