

# The Parish of Stratfield Mortimer



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### MORTIMER & DISTRICT

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### SERVICE

At the War Memorial and afterwards at St. John's Church

# THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

## AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

### THE GATHERING - *All gather in silence.*

*The Representative of the Mortimer and District Royal British Legion meets the Vicar and Clergy.*

### 10.55 a.m. PARADE TO ATTENTION - STANDARDS TO ORDER.

### THE INTRODUCTION

*The Vicar reads a sentence from Lamentations 3.21-23*

*This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.*

*The Vicar continues:*

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

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

Vicar      Almighty and eternal God, from whose love we cannot be parted, either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember this day.  
You have fulfilled in them the purpose of your love;  
bring us, with them, to love's eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All            Amen.

### STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO DIP

### LAST POST

### THE EXHORTATION - is Read by the Representative of the Mortimer and District 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.

*All affirm:*    We will remember them.

### THE SILENCE

### REVEILLE

## **THE KOHIMA EPITAPH**

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

## **THE LAYING OF WREATHS**

**The Royal British Legion**  
**The Royal British Legion Women's Section**  
**The Parish Council**  
**The Police**  
**The Fire Service**  
**The Scouts**  
**The Guides**  
**Others who may wish to lay wreaths.**

## **STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO ORDER**

### **PRAYER**

Vicar      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 lasting harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All            **Amen.**

## **THE PARADE ASSEMBLES AND PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH**

*Everyone is invited to continue join in the Service of Remembrance, Prayer and Thanksgiving.*

# THE SERVICE CONTINUES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The Standards and Flags are received and placed next to the Altar.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for ay we adore him.

## THE READING - ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL 5: 1-12. - Read by Tina Tomlinson, Royal British Legion.

*We sit.*

Reader      A reading from St Matthew's Gospel.

Jesus taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely  
on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who  
were before you.'

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

All            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

## PRAYING TOGETHER

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;  
May God give peace.  
**All            God give peace.**

For those who love them beyond death as in this life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace.

All

**God give peace**

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

May God give peace.

All

**God give peace.**

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;

May God give peace.

All

**God give peace.**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace.

All

**God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace.

All

**God give peace.**

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*We stand.*

Vicar

Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father, the Shepherd of Souls, the Giver of life everlasting, those who have died in war for our country.

Let us remember those who lived in Stratfield Mortimer or in its surrounding countryside:

## THE NAMES ARE READ - by the Representative of Mortimer and District Royal British Legion.

*Here follows a short time of silence.*

Vicar

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.

All

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

**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.**

## **HYMN**

*Standards and Flags are received at the Sanctuary and are brought to order facing the Altar.*

*During the hymn a collection will be taken for the work of The Royal British Legion.*

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;**

**Beneath 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 guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

*All remain standing.*

## **THE ACT OF COMMITMENT**

Vicar            Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**All**            **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**All**            **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**All**            **We will.**

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 Redeemer.

**All**            **Amen**

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Standards and Flags to dip.*

**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.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

*Standards and Flags to carry.*

## **THE BLESSING**

Vicar            God grant to the living grace,  
                  to the departed rest,  
                  to the Church, the Queen, 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 all  
                  and remain with you always.

All              **Amen.**

*Standards and Flags to turn about and lead out.*