

The Parish of Padworth



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

At the War Memorial at Padworth Church

at 8.45 am

THE PADWORTH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

THE GATHERING - *All gather in silence.*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANDARD 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.**

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 SILENCE

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 Mortimer West Parish Council
Others who may wish to lay wreaths.**

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 READING - ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL 5: 1-12.

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.

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

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

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.**

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

**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 ANNUAL PARISH REQUIEM EUCHARIST (Shortened) FOLLOWS IN THE PARISH CHURCH
OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**