



Derby City Council

REMEMBRANCE 2023

Remembrance Sunday

Order of Service

Sunday 12 November 2023 at 10.55am

Market Place, Derby DE1 3AE



Thank you for joining us for Derby's annual Service of Remembrance and Parade.

The Service of Remembrance

Gathering

All gather in silence. Parade march on.

The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby says:

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.

Remembering

The Exhortation is read by a representative 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.*

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post, two minutes silence, Reveille - Standards dip.

The Kohima Epitaph is read by a representative of the Royal British Legion:

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

The Dean of Derby says:

*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.*

All: Amen.

Hymn - O God Our Help in Ages Past

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

*Under 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.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Tune: St Anne.

Bible Reading

Read by Councillor Graves, the Mayor of the City of Derby:

Jesus said to his disciples:

*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.

Matthew 5:3-10

The Prayers

Led by The Right Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby:

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 in death as in 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.

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 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.***

Hymn - Eternal Father, strong to save

*All: Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'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 Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), Tune: Melita

Responding in Hope and Commitment

The Youth Mayor, Muhammad Muntasir, and Deputy Youth Mayor, Harman Kaur, lead the Act of Commitment:

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.

The Dean of Derby says:

*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 risen Redeemer.*

All: 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.*

The Blessing

The Bishop of Derby says:

*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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you and remain with you,
now and always.*

All: Amen.

The Civic Party will come forward to lay wreaths at the War Memorial.

Members of the public and other local organisations are welcome to lay wreaths once the Parade has left.



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