



Derby City Council

# REMEMBRANCE 2021

## *Remembrance Sunday* Official Order of Service

Sunday 14 November 2021  
Corporation Street, Derby



# The Service of Remembrance

## Gathering

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 Chair of the Derbyshire branch 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.*

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

**All respond: We will remember them.**

The beginning of the two minute silence will be signalled.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the silence will be signalled.

The Mayor's Cadet says the Kohima Epitaph:

*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 respond: Amen.**

## **Hymn - O God Our Help in Ages Past**

*Led by Derby Cathedral Choir, accompanied by The Derby Salvation Army Band*

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.*

# Listening for the word from God

Read by The Mayor of the City of Derby, Councillor Robin Wood:

*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*

## Praying Together

Led by the Dean 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 respond: *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 respond: *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 respond: *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 respond: *God give peace.***

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

**All respond: *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 respond: *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 respond: *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***

# Responding in Hope and Commitment

Act of Commitment led by the Dean of Derby:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**All respond: We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**All respond: We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**All respond: 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 risen Redeemer.

**All respond: Amen.**

## The National Anthem

*Led by Derby Cathedral Choir, accompanied by The Derby Salvation Army Band*

***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.*

## **Blessing**

The Dean of Derby says:

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

**All respond: Amen.**

*Representatives come forward to lay wreaths.*

*The Lord-Lieutenant will lay a wreath on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen at the foot of the war memorial.*

*The Mayor will then lay a wreath on behalf of the City at the foot of the war memorial.*

*The wreath marshall will then direct other representatives to lay their wreaths.*



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