

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Order of Service at the Surbiton War Memorial**  
**Conducted by Reverend Vindra Maraj-Ogden**

**10.50am**

**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.

**Minister:** We meet together today to remember those who have died in the two world wars, and other conflicts since; To honour them, for what they accomplished, and for the sacrifice they made;  
To honour also those who suffered the pain of their loss;  
To cherish memories of friends and comrades, members of our families, whom we love, but who were taken from us  
To be thankful for the freedom and justice that was won for us and the world, and to acknowledge our debt of gratitude  
To declare our determination to stand up for what is good and right and true; to take on those great tasks and responsibilities to which we are now called;  
To pray for peace and understanding among the nations, and for justice and compassion

**Hymn**

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| 1 O God our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home.       | 4 | A thousand ages in Thy sight<br>Are like an evening gone;<br>Short as the watch that ends the night,<br>Before the rising sun. |
| 2 Beneath the shadow of Thy throne<br>Thy saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is Thine arm alone,<br>And our defence is sure.  | 5 | Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br>Bears all its sons away;<br>They fly forgotten, as a dream<br>Dies at the opening day.   |
| 3 Before the hills in order stood,<br>Or earth received her frame,<br>From everlasting Thou art God,<br>To endless years the same. | 6 | O God our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be Thou our guard while troubles last<br>And our eternal home.  |

A Bible reading from St Matthew Chapter 5 verses 1 – 10

Read by the Deputy Mayor the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Cllr Richard Thorpe

**Prayer:** Lord, we thank you for your goodness and love shown to us, and for all the blessings of our national life: for peace and prosperity, for our laws and customs, and the quality of our community life. We pray for our King and our government that they may discharge the trust placed in them with wisdom and strength. We thank you for the friendship of nations, through the Commonwealth and the United Nations, and we pray that you will guide and strengthen all who strive to uphold the dignity and well-being of the whole human race.

God of love and mercy, you long to see the nations of this world become the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the help of your powerful Spirit as we work for peace and justice, and for the time when war shall be no more. Amen.

Let us remember before God all those who have given their lives in the two world wars and then many conflicts since then.

**Prayer:** Almighty and ever-living God we praise you for all your servants who have lived by faith, and done their duty, and, in particular, for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. Give us grace to follow their example, and to share with them the joy of your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gentlemen not in uniform – please remove hats

11am

## The Last Post

**The Parade  
Commander  
shall say:**

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 Silence followed by The Reveille

**Prayer:** Let us say together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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.

**Poem:** *Taking a Stand* (by John Bailey veteran of the Afghanistan conflict)

Read by: Member of RBL Youth Marching Band

Lord, be with us. Defend us from corruption, cowardice, and greed. Make us determined in times of hardship, and courageous in times of trouble; strong enough to bear insults and wounds without striking out in anger or hatred. May we acknowledge our faults and look for good in others; and always seek the truth without fear or favour. May we seek reconciliation and peace but also be swift to defend the weak and helpless, and the innocent who suffer. Give us grace to lay down our own lives in the service of righteous and compassionate causes. Amen.

During the last hymn a wreath will be laid on the steps of the Memorial by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Thorpe on behalf of the residents of the Borough, to be followed by representatives of Organisations, followed by any other person wishing to lay wreaths.

## Hymn

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| 1 O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came<br>Through dust or conflict and through battle-flame;<br>Tranquil you lie, your kindly virtue proved,<br>Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.   | 4 Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,<br>Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill<br>While in the frailty of our human clay<br>Christ our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.                      |
| 2 Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,<br>As they who heard God's message from afar;<br>All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave<br>To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.   | 5 Still stands his cross from that dread hour to this<br>Like some bright star above the dark abyss;<br>Still through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes<br>Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries. |
| 3 Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,<br>Into the light that nevermore shall fade;<br>Deep your contentment in that blest abode,<br>Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.       | 6 These were his servants, in His steps they trod,<br>Following through death the martyr'd Son of God.<br>Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise<br>They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.      |
| 7 O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,<br>Whose Cross has brought them and whose Staff has led,<br>In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land<br>Commits her children to Thy gracious hand. |   |

**Poem:** *In Flanders Field* (by John McRae, WW1 Medical Officer)

Read by: Member of RBL Youth Marching Band

## Blessing

*Tea & Coffee is being served in Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Hall  
immediately after this Service should you wish to join them.*