



Sunday, 10th November 2024  
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

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

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

(Read by the Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Cllr Elizabeth Park)

**Prayers:**

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  
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

## **Prayer**

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 Elizabeth Park 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**

1. O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came  
Through dust or conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your kindly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.
2. Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,  
As they who heard God's message from afar,  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave  
To save mankind-yourselves you scorned to save.

3. Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.
  
4. Long years ago, as earth lay dar and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill  
While in the frailty of our human clay  
Christ our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.
  
5. Still stands his cross from that dread hour to this  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;  
Still through the veil, the Victor's Pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Clavaries.
  
6. These were his servants, in His steps they trod,  
Following through the death the martyr'd Son of God.  
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.
  
7. O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,  
Whose cross has brought them and whose Staff has led,  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to Thy gracious land.

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

Read by: Member of RBL Youth Marching Band

**Blessing**

**Tea and coffee is being served in Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Hall immediately after this service, should you wish to join them.**

**USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE SERVICE**

**We would politely request that all mobile phones are switched to silent and only used for the purposes of following the online service sheet during the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial and that no photographs are taken during the 2-minute silence, as a mark of respect.**

**The online service sheet can be found by scanning the QR code below:**