



**The Parish of Shirley
Remembrance Parade Service
St James the Great Churchyard
10th November 2024**



Led by Rev Rich Brooker & Rev Richard Haynes, with
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

*We sing the hymn
God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*Beneath 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.*

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

Let us pray.

As Jesus our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace,

turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to yourself,

**that by the power of your Holy Spirit the peace that is founded on
righteousness may be established throughout the world.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for all on whom war has brought great suffering, for the injured and disabled: the mentally distressed: and those whose faith in God - or humanity - has been severely tested: for the homeless and the refugees, for those who are hungry: and all who have lost their livelihood and security: for those whose families have been broken up: those who mourn their dead: and those who have lost all hope.

So let us join together and say:

All

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

infinite in wisdom, love and power;

Have compassion on those for whom we pray

And help us to use all suffering in the cause of your Kingdom;

Through him who gave himself for us upon the cross,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Long years ago, as earth lay dark 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.*

*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 calvaries.*

*These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.*

*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 hand.*

And now let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, all those who have died for their country in war, or in times of riot and civil unrest, those whom we have known and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

In particular, let us remember those whose names are inscribed on this War Memorial.

11.00am *Last post*

Silence

Reveille

The laying of the wreaths. **RBL**

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.***

Almighty God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by life or by death; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all to your eternal joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

So let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all humanity; that we may encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

We say together :

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.**

Amen.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 2 v 3 – 4

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Matthew 5 v 3 – 12

"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.

HYMN *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 amidst its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
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*

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH – RBL

When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
'For your tomorrow,
We gave our today'.

Final prayer and blessing

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. **Amen.**

God grant to the living, grace: to the departed, rest: to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all humankind, peace and concord: and to us and all his servants, life everlasting: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen

All *The National Anthem - 1st Verse*

**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 Clergy and the Choir return to the Church

The parade reforms to march to the Royal British Legion Club.

***Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments in Church House,
opposite the church.***