



**Woking Borough Council**

# **Service of Remembrance**

Sunday 12 November 2023  
Woking War Memorial



## **Order of Service**

- 09.50** All organisations to assemble in Church Street East, Woking, under the direction of the Parade Marshal
- 10.15** Parade departs for Jubilee Square
- 10.30** All organisations to be in their allotted positions at the War Memorial
- 10.30** The Mayor's Procession leaves the Civic Offices, Gloucester Square
- 10.35** Commencement of Service
- 10.58** Exhortation
- Last Post, Bugler
- 11.00** Two Minute Silence
- 11.02** Reveille, Bugler
- Kohima Prayer

### **Conclusion of Service**

Laying of wreaths in the following order:

The Worshipful the Mayor of Woking  
The Royal British Legion  
The Member of Parliament for Woking  
Regular Service Units  
Service Organisations  
Others

### **National Anthem**

The Mayor Salute

## **Introduction**

Led by the Reverend Adrian Beavis, Vicar of Christ Church, Woking

We are here to worship Almighty God whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world he has made: who loves us, though we have failed in His service. We are here to remember those who have lived and died in His service and in the service of others; we pray for all those who suffer through war and are in need.

We pray that we may have such devotion to duty that neither the loving kindness of God, nor the heroism of those who fought, may have been in vain.

## **Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Led by Reverend Adrian Beavis

### **The Minister Says:**

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

**All: Father forgive us.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

**All: Father forgive us.**

The greed which exploits the work of the human hands and lays waste the earth,

**All: Father forgive us.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**All: Father forgive us.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

**All: Father forgive us.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

**All: Father forgive us.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

**All: Father forgive us.**

**All: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

The Coventry Cathedral Litany

## **Reading – 1 John 3 v16-18**

The Mayor of Woking, Councillor Ilyas Raja

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

## **Address**

Led by Reverend Adrian Beavis

## **Intercessions**

Imam Hashmi, Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking  
Reverend Adrian Beavis

Almighty God, the God of justice, not oppression, the God of peace, and not of violence, deepen our gratitude for those who, in various conflicts, gave themselves that we, and those of every nation, might live without fear; preserve the peace we now enjoy, and extend it wherever scars of conflict remain unhealed, that your Kingdom of righteousness and peace may triumph over all divisions which mar the world. God in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those for whom the war was not the end of suffering: for the widowed and wounded, the disabled and overstrained and all those whose faith has been shaken by what they have seen and endured. Loving God, strengthen them we pray, give them courage and hope, and inspire us to do our part in caring for them.

God in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the safety and peace we have in this land, and for those who preserve it for us at the risk of their lives. Bless the leaders of the nations of the world; when they think of war, put your peace in their minds; if they are tempted to be cruel, let your love fill their hearts.

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the good things you have given us, for all the people among whom we live, for the wisdom of the old and the enthusiasm of the young: may we always be able to recognise the good in one another and devote our energies to working towards the well-being of each and every member of our society.

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity  
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

### **Act of Remembrance**

Led by Reverend Adrian Beavis

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

### **The Exhortation**

Read by Kevin Davis representing Royal British Legion

They shall not grow 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**

### **The Silence**

### **The Reveille**

### **Kohima Prayer**

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

### **Act of Commitment**

Led by Reverend Adrian Beavis

### **The Minister says:**

We give ourselves this day to help, encourage and comfort others, to support those working for the relief of those in need and for the peace and welfare of all people.

### **All:**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, union;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is sadness, joy;  
Where there is darkness, light. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. **Amen.**

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **The Laying of the Wreaths**

Woking Ladies Choir

### **The Blessing**

Led by Reverend Adrian Beavis

### **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.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.

### **Conclusion of Service**