



Woking Borough Council

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10 November 2024
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
- 11.00** Two Minute Silence
- 11.02** Reveille
- 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

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 – Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer of Confession

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 4 7-12

The Mayor of Woking, Councillor Louise Morales

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Address

Reverend Adrian Beavis

Intercessions

Imam Hashmi, Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking
Reverend Adrian Beavis, Christ Church, Woking

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 – Abide With Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

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

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