

Wokingham Civic and Ecumenical Remembrance Service 2020

(Online only)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Remarks by The Reverend Canon David Hodgson, Rector of Wokingham (All Saints)

Message from the Mayor of Wokingham Town, Cllr Tony Lack

GATHERING

Sentences from Scripture

Opening Prayer

HYMN:

All my hope on God is founded
He doth still my trust renew;
He through change and chance God guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone,
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust,
but God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, the Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading: Romans 8: 31- 39

Read by The Right Honourable Sir John Redwood MP,
Member of Parliament for Wokingham

POEMS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Seven poems written and read by local people from Wokingham

PRAYERS

Led by The Reverend Soba Sinnathamby, Methodist Minister of Woosehill Church

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace

Minister: May God give peace

All: God give peace

We say together the Lord's Prayer:

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.

REMEMBERING

Exhortation read by Army Cadet Lance Corporal Fripp

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 affirm:

We will remember them.

2 minute silence

Introduced by 'Last Post'; ended by 'Reveille'

Prayer read by Canon David Hodgson

Choir Anthem: The Lord's my Shepherd – John Rutter sung by All Saints Church Choir

RESPONDING in Hope and Commitment

Kohima Epitaph read by Army Cadet Lance Corporal Fripp

When you go home

tell them of us and say

for your tomorrow

we gave our today

Lighting of candle by Canon David Hodgson

During the lighting of the candle

Choir Anthem: God be in my head – Walford Davies sung by All Saints Church Choir

Act of Commitment

The act of commitment is made

Minister: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service

Minister: Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will

Minister: Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will

Minister: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will

Minister: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have
not yet been cast out by love:

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

All: Amen

HYMN:

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree

And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee
Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour Of light hideth thee

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NATIONAL ANTHEM (1 verse) Sung by All Saints Church Choir

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

THE BLESSING

Final Organ Voluntary