



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

**AT
THE WAR MEMORIAL
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT**

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

***LEST WE FORGET
To the men and women,
especially of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire,
and animals who laid down their lives
in the service of their country,
in the cause of freedom, justice and peace.***





Flanders Field, Ypres

In World War 1 the Western Front contained in the soil thousands of poppy seeds, all lying dormant. They would have lain there for years more, but the battles being fought there churned up the soil so much that the poppies bloomed like never before. The most famous bloom of poppies in the war was in Ypres, a town in Flanders, Belgium, which was crucial to the Allied defence. There were three battles there, but it was the second, which was calamitous to the allies since it heralded the first use of the new chlorine gas the Germans were experimenting with, which brought forth the poppies in greatest abundance, and inspired the Canadian soldier, Major John McCrae, to write his most famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'. This, in turn, inspired the British Legion to adopt the poppy as their emblem.

As we gather together this year, may we continue to remember in our prayers and our thoughts all those who lost their lives in conflict, those who serve in our armed forces today and all who continue to suffer as a result of war.

As a sign of respect would members of the Congregation please ensure that mobile telephones are switched off or on silent during the Service. Thank you.

Music played throughout the Service by The Nottinghamshire Band of The Royal Engineers (Volunteers) who will be accompanied by the Nottingham Hospitals Choir

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Parade to attention

The Civic Party will arrive at the War Memorial and take their places for the Service

Parade at ease

Introduction

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams

Jesus said 'My command is this: love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'

John 15: 12-13

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Matthew 5: 9

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good and whose power sustains the world he has made. As we remember those who have lived and died in the service of others, especially from the City and County of Nottingham and who are commemorated in this place, we pray for all who continue to suffer through war. We confess the shortcomings of the world, its pride, its selfishness, its greed, and its failure to seek lasting peace.

God of light and love,

You desire that all your people should live in your peace. Grant us the humility to ask your forgiveness
And the will to practice it.

Help us to work for the good of the world, To seek for peace and justice,
And make the world better for our children's children,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

I vow to thee my country
All earthly things above;
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love,
The love that asks no questions
The love that stands the test;
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best;
The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago;
Most dear to them that love her
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies;
We may not see her king;
Her fortress is a faithful heart;
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness;
And all her paths are peace.

Prayers

The Bishop of Nottingham, The Rt Revd Patrick McKinney

Let us offer to Almighty God our prayers for the peace of the world and for the relief of suffering

For the King and his family, and all those under him who bear the responsibility of government:

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, whereby our peace has been preserved:

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air:

ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress:

ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who continue to suffer as a result of war:

ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

For the unity and peace of the peoples of the world:

ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Royal British Legion:

ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. **Amen.**

The World Prayer for Peace. Satish Kumar.

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.

ALL

Hymn

1. O God, our help in ages past,
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,
earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight our
are like an evening gone,
hort 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, or
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Peter Shaw

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

Let us also remember before God his world today, a world still blighted by war and conflict.

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

ACT OF HOMAGE

County Chairman Nottinghamshire RBL, Pete Hopkins

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.

Parade to attention. The Last Post. The Silence. Reveille.

During the silence heads remain bowed as all remember the sacrifice made by the fallen for our freedom and safety.

East Midlands UOTC, Major Richard Cook

When you go home, tell them of us and say

For your tomorrow, we gave our today

(from the Kohima Epitaph)

Parade at ease.

'IN FLANDERS FIELDS' BY JOHN MCCRAE (1872-1918)

Leader of Nottingham City Council, Councillor David Mellen

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

WREATHS ARE LAID AT THE MEMORIAL

Civic Party:

Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace

Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Wendy Smith

Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Roger Jackson

High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Paul Southby

HQ 7th Light Mechanised Brigade Combat Team & HQ East, Lieutenant Colonel
Duncan Southall

HMS Sherwood, Commander Kathryn Jacques RNR

Mercian Regiment, WOI Regimental Sergeant Major Marc Giles CGC

RAF Syerston, Group Captain Barry E Dale LLM MA LLB CMgr FRAeS RAF

County Chairman Royal British Legion, Pete Hopkins

Nadia Whittome MP

Chief Fire Officer, Craig Parkin

Chief Constable, Craig Guildford

Followed by
Representatives from Faith Communities and other organisations under the
instruction of the RSM

Nottingham Hospitals Choir – Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of our Hearts

 **The Long Day Closes**

 **For the Fallen**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Revd Ruth Turner, Open Christian Fellowship

As the years pass, may we never forget the sacrifices made and so may the memory live on. Let us now pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and neighbour: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people,
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.**

ALL

BLESSING

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all people, 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Parade to attention

NATIONAL ANTHEM

1 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!

2 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!

ALL

Parade at ease

13TH NOVEMBER 2022

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS TAKEN PART IN TODAY'S
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE**

**MAY WE ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER
THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN**

**AND TO ALSO REMEMBER THOSE SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES TODAY,
AND THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE**

LEST WE FORGET



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