



# Service of Remembrance

**Sunday 11 November 2018**

**Heywood Memorial Gardens at 10.45am**

Honouring those who have made sacrifices  
in defence of their country



The Centenary of the end of the Great War, the war to end all wars draws ever closer. Unfortunately this war did not end all wars. Sacrifices made 100 years ago at Gallipoli, Passchendaele and the Somme did not end. The blood soaked fields of Northern France would not be the last place to soak up British blood.

War has evolved, and with it our Armed Forces evolve to overcome our nation's enemies. Today our Armed Forces make sacrifices, just as they did 100 years ago.

In The North West we recruit 20% of our Armed Forces and 25% of the Infantry - this is something we can be proud of. On the flip side, it means that returning to the North West we have 25% of injuries.

At national level we collect for the Poppy Appeal and at a local level we can be very proud of what we achieve. The Royal British Legion works closely with other Armed Forces Associations and Rochdale Borough Council to ensure no members of the Armed Forces or their families are disadvantaged as a result of service.

Let us remember that our Armed Forces make sacrifices every day.

**Lest We Forget**  
**The Royal British Legion**



Remembrance Sunday coincides with Armistice Day this year, marking one hundred years since the end of the First World War, also known as the Great War. Centennial events have been taking place across the country for the past four years to commemorate all those who served and sacrificed for Britain.

We pay homage to those fallen in all wars and thank them for the peace we have today. We also remember those who served in the British Empire and fought alongside Britain, giving their lives in the hope for a better future for us.

We take this time to remember all those affected by wars, the millions who have lost their lives and war veterans and their families. They will not be forgotten.

We remind ourselves that these sacrifices continue to take place today by our British Armed Forces and remember those who have fallen and continue to fall in other conflicts.

Today I will lay a wreath on behalf of all the people in our borough, with feelings of pride and sorrow, bearing the words 'Not Forgotten.'



**Councillor Mohammed Zaman**  
**Mayor of Rochdale**



# Order of Service

## **Minister:**

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 whose memory we treasure; and all those who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

## **Veteran:**

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 repeat:**

We will remember them.



## **The Last Post**

## **Two Minute Silence**

## **Reveille**

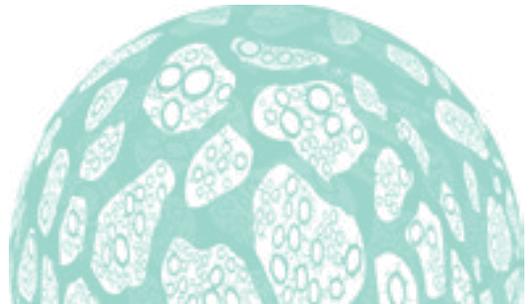
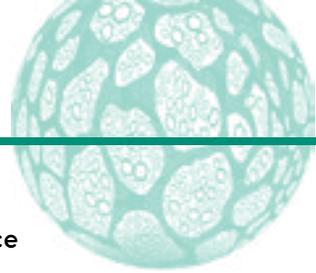
## **Veteran**

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

## **Minister:**

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

## **Amen**



# Hymn: O God, our help in ages past

## All:

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope of things 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 in thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight,  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short 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,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while life shall  
last, And our eternal home.

## Amen

## Minister:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men: 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 nations.

## All together say:

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

## Amen



## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **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**

## **The Laying of Wreaths**

During the next hymn, the laying of  
the wreaths will take place.

## **Hymn: Jerusalem**

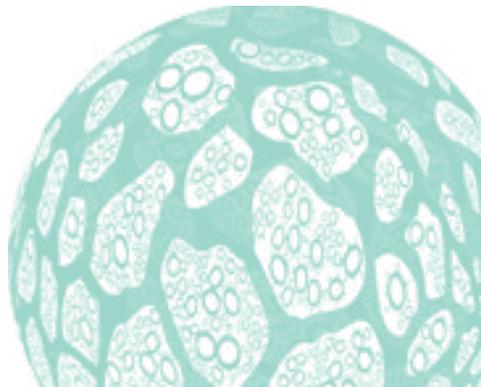
### **All:**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains  
green?  
And was the holy lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures  
seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
'Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

### **National Anthem All:**

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**

### **Minister:**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord; Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

### **Amen**

**The parade will now re-form and the March Past and Salute will be taken on L/Cpl Stephen Shaw M.C. Way.**

### **Who Are These Men?**

Who are these men who march so proud? Who quietly weep, eyes closed, head bowed, These are the men who once were boys, Who missed out on youth and all its joys.

Who are these men with aged faces? Who silently count the empty spaces, These are the men who gave their all, Who fought for their country, for freedom, for all.

Who are these men with sorrowful look, Who can still remember the lives that were took, These are the men who saw young men die, The price of peace is always high.

Who are these men who in the midst of pain, Whispered comfort to those they would not see again, These are the men whose hands held our tomorrow, Who brought back our future with blood, tears and sorrow.

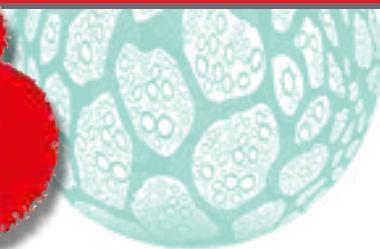
Who are the men who promise to keep Alive in their hearts the ones God helps to sleep, These are the men to whom I promise again Veterans, my friends, I will remember them.

**Anonymous: 12 year old girl, 1966**





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