



# Service of Remembrance

**Sunday 11 November 2018**

**Middleton 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



### Hymn - All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on Earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, this praise forth  
tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.

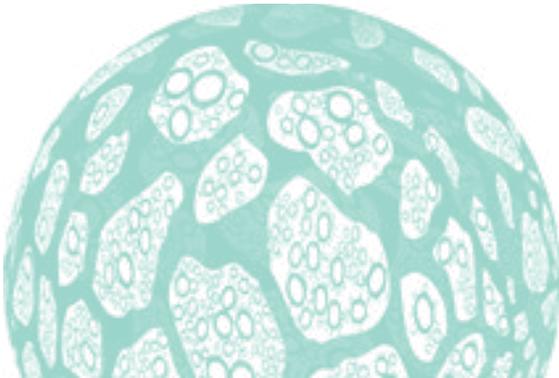
The lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all time firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and  
earth adore,  
From men and from the angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

**Amen.**



# Lesson

## St John: Chapter 15, Verses 9-14

- 9 As the father hath loved me,  
so I have loved you:  
continue ye in my love.
- 10 If ye keep my commandments,  
ye shall abide in my love; even as  
I have kept my Father's  
commandments, and abide in  
his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto  
you, that my joy might remain in  
you, and that your joy might  
be full.
- 12 This is my commandment,  
That ye love one another,  
as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love hath no man than  
this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends.
- 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do  
whatsoever I command you.

## Prayers

## The Exultation

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 shall say:

We will remember them.

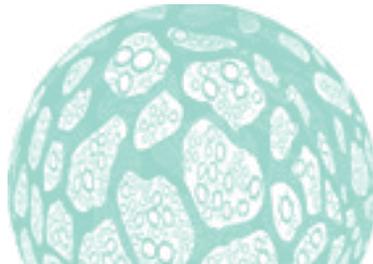
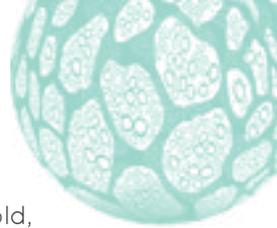
## The Last Post shall be sounded

### Two minute silence shall be observed

## Reveille

### The Kohima Epitaph

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



## Hymn - Oh Valiant Hearts

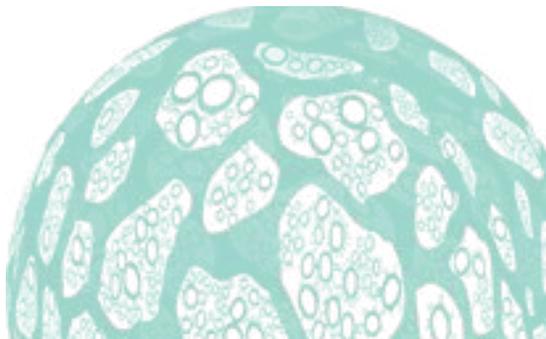
O valiant hearts, who to your glory  
came Through dust of conflict and  
through battle-flame, Tranquil you  
lie, your knightly virtue proved, Your  
memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to  
war, As who had heard God's message  
from afar; All you had hoped for, all  
you had, you gave To save mankind -  
yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great  
surrender made, Into the light that  
nevermore shall fade; Deep your  
contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call  
of God.

These were his servants, in his steps  
they trod, Following through death the  
martyred Son of God; Victor he rose;  
victorious too shall rise They who have  
drunk his cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,  
Whose Cross has bought them and  
whose staff has led, In glorious hope  
their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to thy  
gracious hand.



## Hymn - O, God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while trouble last,  
And our eternal home.

**Amen**

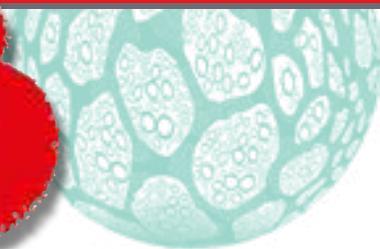
**The Blessing**

**National Anthem**





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