

A large crowd of people is gathered for a service at a war memorial. In the background, a tall, grey stone monument stands on a grassy hill. To the right, a large, white, spherical structure with a pattern of circular openings is visible. The crowd is diverse in age and attire, with many people wearing red clothing. A large red poppy is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 11 November 2018

War Memorial, Wardle at 3pm

Wardle Academy Brass Band will lead the procession

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: 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;

Under 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

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

Bible Reading

St. John's Gospel Chapter 15: 9-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.



You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

Address

Prayers

We join together in the Lord's Prayer.

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.

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 humanity.



Act of Remembrance:

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.

Response:

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Two Minutes Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Laying of Wreaths

Hymn:

The day thou gavest,
Lord, is ending

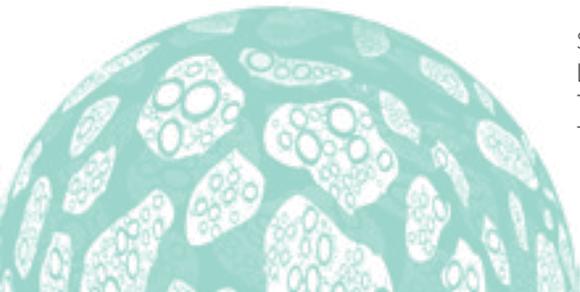
The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church
unsleeping, While earth rolls onward
into light, Through all the world her
watch is keeping, And rests not now by
day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.



The Blessing

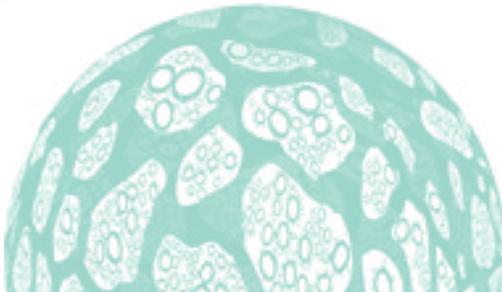
Minister:

May God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest, to the Church,
the Queen, the Commonwealth and
all people, unity, peace and concord
and to us and all God's servants, life
everlasting and the Blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit be among you and
remain with you always.

Amen

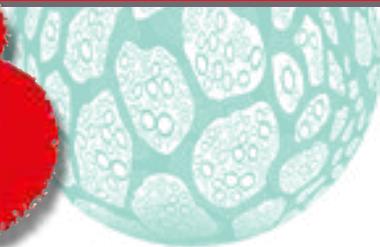
The National Anthem

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.
Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour:
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws.
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.





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