



**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
13 NOVEMBER 2022**



MINISTER

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts
past and present, have been given and taken away

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'This is the message we have heard from him,
and proclaim to you that God is light and in him
there is no darkness at all.'

John 1:5

LET US PRAY

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict

And ask that God may give us peace. For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces, Who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men, whose lives are disfigured by war and terror, calling to mind, in penitence, the anger and hatreds of humanity.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious, asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve In the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace.

All respond: God give peace.



Prayer continues

O God of truth and justice

we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of
this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those
who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.

Amen

A member of the Royal British Legion will say the EXHORTATION

'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 respond: We will remember them.

ABINGDON TOWN BAND WILL SOUND THE LAST POST

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

to remember the fallen

ABINGDON TOWN BAND SOUNDS REVEILLE

LAYING OF THE WREATHS

All sing the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past".



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 troubles last,
And our eternal home.



A member of the Royal British Legion will say the

KOHIMA EPITAPH

'When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today'.

THE LORDS 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.



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Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service:

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **All respond:** We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **All respond:** We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **All respond:** We will.

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

Amen.

THE 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.

THE BLESSING

The parade will march past the County Hall, with the salute taken
by the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames.

