

# LOUGHBOROUGH SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

# and LAYING OF WREATHS at the LOUGHBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL



# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Led by

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&

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#### The Welcome

Royal British Legion Treasurer Mr Graham Waller

# National Anthem

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.

# The Bidding

# Revd. Elizabeth York

We have gathered here today to remember those who gave their lives while serving our country in two World Wars, and those who since that time have made the same sacrifice in the defence of justice and freedom, especially those of this town of Loughborough.

As we gather, we both look back with those whose memories are long and we look forward with the many young people who are here today.

To those who saw active service and to those who survived on the home front we offer our respect and thanks for the heritage which we enjoy. To those who have their lives ahead of them we offer our prayers and our hope that freedom and justice might prevail. Together we pray that ours may be a nation which values truthfulness and mutual respect.

## Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow— Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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The Reading
John 15: 9 - 17

The Worshipful the Mayor of Charnwood
Councillor Dr Julie Bradshaw MBE

Reflection The Right Revd. Saju Muthalaly

#### Act of

## Remembrance

Let us remember before God all who in the past have stood firm and fought the good fight of faith, and into whose heritage we have entered; and those who today strive against evil and seek to establish peace among all people.

#### **A11**

#### We will remember.

Let us remember all who have given their lives for the freedom of humankind; those who have suffered and those who still suffer; and those who devote their lives to the care of the victims of violent conflict.

#### **A11**

#### We will remember.

# **Act of Homage**

# Royal British Legion

Treasurer

Mr Graham Waller

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.

#### **A11**

#### We will remember them.

#### THE LAST POST

#### TWO MINUTES SILENCE

Followed by a WWI Whistle Blast

#### REVEILLE

# Kohima Epitaph

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

#### LAYING OF WREATHS

During which the Carillonneur will play appropriate music including, In Memoriam, by John Couter.

# **Prayers**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace:

For the servicemen and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God. May God give peace.

## God give peace.

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

#### God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers who seek to keep this world secure and free. May God give peace.

## 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.

# God give peace.

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 for ever.

#### Amen

# The 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.

# Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render, O help us to see: 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

# The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage.

Hold fast that which is good.

Render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted.

Support the weak.

Help the afflicted.

Honour everyone.

Love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

## All Amen.

#### SUNSET

# Following the Service

The congregation are kindly asked to remain until the civic party has departed.

The parade will march off via New Street & Cattle Market where the salute will be taken.

A collection will be taken in support of the Poppy Appeal as you leave the park.

Loughborough Concert Band will play by the bandstand.

John Storer House is open for tea and coffee.

Queen's Park café is open for tea and coffee.

Everyone is welcome to join The Royal British Legion Number 1 Branch, Loughborough at the Fennel Street Club in Fennel Street for refreshments.

# If you wish to donate to The Poppy Appeal you can use this QR Code



#### THANK YOU

The organisers are indebted to the many individuals and organisations who through their hard work and dedication make this parade and service a fitting occasion of remembrance. These people are too numerous to mention but we would particularly like to thank the bands who have led today's parade: 1st Loughborough Boys' and Girls' Brigade Band and Loughborough Grammar School Corps of Drums. We are also grateful to Hathern Concert Brass and Loughborough Male Voice Choir, for leading the hymns, and to the Borough Carillonneur, Caroline Sharpe, and the Loughborough Concert Band, for playing in the park.

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