A Service
For
Remembrance Sunday

War Memorial
Grove Park
Weston-super-Mare



Sunday 8th November 2026

Rev Peter Ashman-RBL Padre:

We have come today to remember before Almighty God, with grateful thanks, those who have died in the defence of justice and freedom in the service of our country and its cause, especially those from this our town of Weston-super-Mare, those whose memory we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

Rob Bywater-RBL Weston Branch Chair:

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: **We will remember them.**

LAST POST

TWO MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH

Rob Bywater-RBL Weston Branch Chair:

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

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Rev Peter Ashman-RBL Padre:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord**. Amen.**

THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS

We meet in the presence of God.
Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women:
that we may aid, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All: Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your people, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

Reading John 15.12-17-Mayor's
Chaplain Father Brendan Clover

Jesus said, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

THE PRAYERS

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for those who mourn the loss of loved ones this day,
for the injured, the disabled, the mentally distressed,
for the homeless, the hungry and the refugee
and for those whose faith in God and man has been
weakened or destroyed.

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,
in you alone we find safety and peace.
We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in the Royal Navy, the Army, or the Royal Air Force, who face danger this day and who put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety.
Defend them day by day by your heavenly power;
and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care.
Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve;

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come,.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that 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

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

THE BLESSING:

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all peoples, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

THE 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.

Parade at the end of the Service

Please keep the pathways clear in the park at the end of the service. This is to allow the Parade to march off for the salute which will be taken in front of the Bandstand at the lower end of the park.

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