



SHEFFORD REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Shefford Town

Service of Remembrance

The Service commences at the direction of the Parade Marshal.

INTRODUCTION – Read by the Minister:

We are here to worship Almighty God whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world He has made; who loves us though we have failed in His service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the World; who by His Holy Spirit leads us in His way.

As we give thanks for His great work we remember those who lived and died in His service and in the service of others; we pray for all those who suffer war and are in need; we ask for His help and blessing that we may do His will and that the whole world may acknowledge Him as Lord and King.

HYMN – during which a collection will be taken for the Poppy Appeal

1

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

4

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

2

*Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.*

5

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

3

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

6

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

(Please note there will be two extra verses of music to enable the collectors to finish their task)

Poem Readings

Act of Remembrance:

(Parade called to attention) The Minister will say:

Let us remember before God and commend to His safe keeping, those who have died for their country, those whom we know and whose memory we treasure and all those who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

Last Post

Two minutes silence

Reveille

Reading of the List of the Fallen

Read by the Shefford & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Royal British Legion Exhortation

'They shall not grow old as those 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.'

Congregation repeat – *'We will remember them.'*

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Wreath laying ceremony

Wreaths to be laid as called out.

Placing of the Lamplights of Peace

(All collection tins will now be centralised at the memorial overseen by Legion members)

After the Wreath laying and Lamplights of Peace Ceremonies the minister will lead the prayer and then announce the hymn:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by life or death; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all those whom we remember this day. Fulfil in them the purpose of Thy love and bring us all, with them to Thine eternal joy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation – Amen

Psalm 23 (HYMN)

1

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green; He leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.*

2

*My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.*

3

*Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod,
And staff me comfort still.*

4

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

5

*Goodness and mercy all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore,
My dwelling place shall be.*

Bible Reading

John Chapter 15 verses 9 to 17

Reflection

A short reflection is given by the Minister

The Minister calls the congregation to prayer and all join in.

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed by 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 that trespass
against us; 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*

National Anthem

<i>God save our gracious King,</i>	<i>Thy choicest gifts in store,</i>
<i>Long live our noble King,</i>	<i>On him be pleased to pour,</i>
<i>God save the King,</i>	<i>Long may he reign,</i>
<i>Send him victorious,</i>	<i>May he defend our laws,</i>
<i>Happy and glorious</i>	<i>And ever give us cause,</i>
<i>Long to reign over us,</i>	<i>To sing with heart and voice,</i>
<i>God save the King.</i>	<i>God save the King.</i>

Blessing – Final blessing delivered by the Minister.

The Minister hands proceedings back to the Parade Marshal who will reorganise the parade for the march off.

