



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & PARADE

Sunday 13 November 2022

ARCH OF REMEMBRANCE
VICTORIA PARK

10:55am

This Service of Remembrance continues to remember those men and women of Leicester and Leicestershire, who have given their lives in the service of their country, in the cause of freedom, justice and peace

Members of the Congregation are kindly asked to switch mobile telephones off or to silent during the Service

Members of the public wishing to lay wreaths are invited to do so at the end of the Service

The Seaforth Highlanders Pipes & Drums will carry out their own short wreath laying ceremony after the Service and members of the public are requested to vacate the area around the Memorial while this takes place

In the event of extreme weather, it may be necessary to shorten the Service. If this is the case an announcement will be made at the start of the Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Service will be led by The Bishop of Leicester, The Right Reverend Martyn Snow and Dave Andrews DL

The Salvation Army Band will play before the Service commences

10:55am : *The Parade Sergeant Major (PSM) calls the Parade to attention*

Those seated are requested to stand as the Civic Party and Official Dignitaries arrive

The PSM will call the Parade to stand at ease
Please be seated

The Bishop begins and then says:

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

The PSM will call the Parade to attention

Please stand

as Colonel FAH Swallow OBE reads 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

We will remember them

Officers salute as the "Last Post" is played by Mr Ian Lowe

11:00 First maroon is fired

11:02 Second maroon is fired

"Reveille" is played

Colonel FAH Swallow OBE says:

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

The PSM calls the Parade to stand at ease

Please remain standing

as The Bishop says

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
In your name we pray

Amen

Please remain standing and join Leicester Cathedral Choir and The City of Leicester Singers to sing

Eternal Father, strong to save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea;

O Christ, the Universal Lord
who suffered death by nails and sword
from all assault of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go
and evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land;

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
Who fills with strength the human race
Inspire mankind to know the right
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight
and underneath thy wings of care
Guard all from peril in the air;

O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Praise from the air, the land and sea

Please be seated as official wreaths are laid

The Salvation Army Band will play Nimrod during the formal wreath laying and the City of Leicester Singers will sing Ave Verum Corpus

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire
Colonel Murray Colville

On behalf of the Leicestershire Lieutenancy

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Leicester
Councillor George Cole

On behalf of the people of Leicester

The High Sheriff of Leicestershire
Ms Mehmooda Duke

On behalf of the Judiciary and the Prison Service

Alderman David Snartt

On behalf of the people of Leicestershire

The Royal British Legion

On behalf of the Ex-Servicemen

The Temporary Chief Constable of Leicestershire
Mr Rob Nixon QPM

On behalf of Leicestershire Constabulary

Ms Susannah Ashton

**On behalf of East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS
Trust**

Chief Fire & Rescue Officer
Mr Callum Faint

On behalf of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Leading Naval Nurse Alastair Fawkes
On behalf of HMS Sherwood & The Royal Navy

Brigadier Guy Foden
On behalf of 7th Infantry Brigade & HQ East

Major Simon Cox
On behalf of 2 Royal Anglian, B Coy

Major Andrew Speechley
On behalf of 3 Royal Anglian, C Coy

SSgt Paul Mawby
On behalf of the Royal Lancers

Captain David Thomas
On behalf of 254 Medical Regiment

Captain Grenville Turner
On behalf of The Royal Yeomanry

Wing Commander Nicola Duncan
On behalf of RAF Wittering

Mr Roger Jones
On behalf of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment

Followed by representatives from

Leicester Sea Cadets
LRN Army Cadet Force
Royal Air Force Air Cadets
Leicestershire Police Cadets
On behalf of Leicestershire Cadets Associations

Please remain seated

As the Lord Mayor's Spiritual Advisor, Pastor Michael Baker lays a wreath on behalf of the Black African Heritage Community,

followed by representatives of the following faith communities

Baha'i

Churches Together

Gujarati Christian

Hindu

Jewish

Leicester Council of Faiths

Muslim

Sikh

Ex-servicemen, organisations and veterans are invited to lay wreaths at the Memorial

Members of the public are invited to lay wreaths at the end of the Service

Please stand and join Leicester Cathedral Choir and The City of Leicester Singers to sing

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;

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all our years 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

Please be seated

Dave Andrews invites Police Cadet, Anna Barnes to read

Letters to Home

You're all lined up, row by row,
No matter were you friend or foe
I cried and waved as ten by ten
The regiment began to march again
Each month we gathered the uncertain news
That some had fallen and some were bruised

My greatest fear was that your name was one
One of the perished, one that was gone
Each day was ferocious, for you we were sure
But for us we didn't know if it was death at our door

"Come home!" We would pray "Come home my dear boy!"
But this seemed to encourage, encourage to destroy
So now I must come to that fatal end
The news I'd been waiting for, the letters that you'd send
The pen was not from your hand, nor from your friends
Instead the font was bold, black and pretend

My boy I am sorry, your body was not found
Instead you are alone, lifeless on the ground
I'll see you in heaven and remember that smile
We'll be reunited as mother and child

written by Helen Grigalis

The Bishop says

O God of truth and justice
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service in any conflict
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory
may we put our faith in your future
for you are the source of life and hope
now and for ever

Amen

A Prayer for Remembrance

God of Consolation
Every time we mark an anniversary
that recalls a time of war or act of violence
we struggle to make sense of our world
As time moves on
remind us of the call to remain open-hearted
May our memory not harden into fear of anger
but pulse with compassion and generosity
Give us the collective voice to speak for healing and
forgiveness and bring us the peace we long for
With hope in your steadfast love, we pray

Amen

Please join together to say 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**

***Please stand and join Leicester Cathedral Choir and The City
of Leicester Singers to sing***

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 questions, 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 Bishop says

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, The King and 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always

Amen

The PSM calls the Parade to attention

Please stand for 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**

Please remain seated as The Vice Lord-Lieutenant, The Lord Mayor and Brigadier Foden move to the saluting dais for the March Past

Following the March Past, members of the public are invited to lay wreaths at the Memorial

The City Council, together with businesses, groups and local authorities across Leicestershire and the country, are signatories to the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Covenant aims to remove disadvantages and guarantee fair access to services for the armed forces community, past and present



For further information about the Covenant, contact us at afcovenant@leicester.gov.uk

With thanks to:

Everyone who has been involved in the planning, organisation and delivery of this year's Remembrance Service and Parade;

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Organisations & Members of the Public for supporting this important occasion



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