

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The Annual Act of Remembrance  
at the War Memorial  
St John's Road

for the Community of Hedge End

## GATHERING

### ALL GATHER IN SILENCE

**The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:**

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 46.1*

I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from whence will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121.1-2*

This call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.

*Lamentations 3.21-23*

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew  
their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary  
they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40.31*

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

*Micah 6.8*

## THE PRESIDING MINISTER CONTINUES

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.

## R E M E M B E R I N G

### **OLDER PERSON:**

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

### **YOUNGER PERSON:**

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

### **ALL AFFIRM:**

**We will remember them.**

## T W O M I N U T E S I L E N C E

**THE COMPLETION OF THE SILENCE IS SIGNALLED  
BY THE PLAYING OF THE REVEILLE**

**PRAYER:**

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.**

**A HYMN IS SUNG**

L I S T E N I N G   F O R   T H E   W O R D  
F R O M   G O D

**THE READER SAYS:**     Hear these words from the New  
                                  Testament.

**EITHER ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ARE READ**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you. I do not give to you as the world  
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.

*John 14:27*

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.

*1 John 1:5*

**OR THIS READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:1-12**

# P R A Y I N G   T O G E T H E R

## **PRAYER IS LED:**

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

**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

**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

**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**

# P R A Y I N G   T O G E T H E R

for peace-makers and peace-keepers,  
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.**

**ALL JOIN TOGETHER IN THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

# P R A Y I N G   T O G E T H E R

## **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.**

## R E S P O N D I N G I N   H O P E   A N D   C O M M I T M E N T

**REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
COME FORWARD TO LAY WREATHS, LIGHT CANDLES OR  
OFFER OTHER SYMBOLS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE,  
SUCH AS SINGLE FLOWERS OR CROSSES.**

## **THE KOHIMA EPITAPH:**

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

**A HYMN IS SUNG**

# THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

## **COMMITMENT:**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**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 IS SUNG  
(HYMN 6)**

## **THE BLESSING:**

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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**

**WITH THANKS ESPECIALLY TO HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL,  
HEDGE END POLICE STATION, 13TH ITCHEN NORTH SCOUT GROUP  
AND ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH FOR ORGANISING THIS  
OCCASION.**

## **H Y M N S**

### **HYMNS WHICH MAYBE SUNG**

#### **HYMN 1**

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.

## HYMNS WHICH MAYBE SUNG

### HYMN 2

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to of ourselves, that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### HYMN 3

Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts, and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land In this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

## HYMNS WHICH MAYBE SUNG

Lord, of our world, when we disown and doubt you,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, of ourselves; In living power remake us-  
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us;  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

### HYMN 4

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

Lead us, forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and  
goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

You, creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

### HYMN 5

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

## HYMNS WHICH MAYBE SUNG

### HYMN 6

God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.

Not in this land alone,  
but be God's mercies known  
on ev'ry shore.  
Lord, make the nations see,  
that all humanity  
should form one family,  
The wide world o'er.

### HYMN 7

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.