

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



ORDER OF CIVIC SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL AND THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WINDSOR

Sunday 9 November 2025

The Parade is called to attention as the Civic Party arrives

10.56am ASSEMBLE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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!

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died for our freedom today.

All sing

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Minister

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.

The Parade Commander brings the parade to attention.

At a signal from the Parade Commander the Trumpeter sounds

THE LAST POST

The Silence

THE REVEILLE

The Kohima Epitaph is said

Minister

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

Official wreaths will be laid at the foot of the Memorial Cross.

Order of wreath laying as follows:

1. Vice Lord Lieutenant*
2. Mayor*
3. Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead on behalf of the High Steward*
4. Jack Rankin MP*
5. Coldstream Guards (if present)*
6. Welsh Guards (if present)*
7. Representative of “The Rifles” (if present)*
8. Royal British Legion (if present)
9. Royal Marines Association
10. Windsor & Eton Sea Cadets
11. Eton CCF
12. Royal Air Force Air Cadets 459 Squadron
13. Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service
14. St John Ambulance
15. 5th (Dedworth) Windsor Scout Group
16. Windsor Horse Rangers
17. Windsor Boys School
18. Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton
19. Rotary Club of Windsor St George
20. Lions Club of Windsor
21. Thames Valley Police*

*standing in the mayoral party

Private wreaths will not be placed on the Memorial until after the close of the ceremony

After the wreath laying the Parade is brought to attention as the Standards and the Civic Party leave the War Memorial for the Church.

Organisations will then proceed to the Parish Church as directed by the Parade Commander

Everyone is welcome to join the service in the Parish Church

11.15am SERVICE AT WINDSOR PARISH CHURCH

Music as the Civic Party proceeds into church is Solemn Melody (H Walford Davies) and Dido's Lament from Dido & Aeneas (H Purcell) - organist and choirmaster John Halsey

All stand

During this hymn the Choir and Ministers will proceed to their places. The Standards will be received by the Ministers at the Sanctuary steps.

HYMN

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

Under 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 its sons 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 guide while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Issac Watts (1674-1748)

Minister

WELCOME

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

Micah 6: v8

The Lord be with you

All

And also with you

We meet to remember all who gave their lives in the two world
wars and in conflicts since that we might live in freedom. We
meet
to remember those who still suffer as a result of war and acts
of terrorism
and to give thanks for all who care for them. But as we meet
for these
noble purposes, we are bound to recall our failures to build
firmly on that
freedom won at such a cost. So we join in the act of penitence.

All kneel (or sit).

Minister

Let us to confess to God
the sin and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness; its greed,
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish
that peace which God wills for his children.

All

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we
confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love
dearly and walk humbly with our God**

Minister

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent;
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength bring near the day when wars
shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that all may know
the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PSALM 46 (sung by the choir)

1. God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.
6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
7. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world; he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10. Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
11. The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge
Glory to Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world
without end,
Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Thessalonians 2. 13-16 read by the
Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead,
Councillor Mandy Brar

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thess 2.13-16

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring 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 as to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

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

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

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5. 1-12 read by Michael Harding,
Churchwarden of Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5.1-12

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

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.

Lead us, Father, 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.

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 brief life's span.

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.

Please sit

ADDRESS

Revd Canon Sally Lodge

THE INTERCESSIONS

Minister 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.

All **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.

All **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.

All **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.

All **God give peace.**

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

All **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.

All

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

Minister

As our Saviour has commanded and taught us to say

**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.**

ANTHEM

(congregation to be seated)

“Kyrie” from the Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne

All stand

During the following hymn a collection will be taken and the Standards reclaimed.

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God’s power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God’s great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th’Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand:
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

Minister

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and
our neighbour:
that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and
support those who work for the relief of the needy and for
the peace and welfare of the nations

All, remaining standing, say together:

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all 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.**

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace; to the departed rest,
to the church, the King, the Commonwealth and
all people, unity, peace and concord and to us and
to all God's servants life everlasting; and the blessing
of the God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among you all 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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

The Organist will play St Anne Fugue (JS Bach)

The Standard Bearers process to the steps of the Church outside the west door.

The congregation is asked to remain in their seats until the Civic Party and the organisations have left the church.