



GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

An Order of Service for

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Sunday 12th November 2023**



- 1020 The Guard from HMS Sultan will form up and march to standby position in Ann's Hill Road
- 1030 Non-military contingents form up in Ann's Hill Road. Veterans platoon forms up in Bury Road opposite Thorngate Hall
- 1040 Wreath layers of non-military platoons and representative organisations form up at Thorngate Hall and process into position
- 1041 Guard and non-military contingents march from Ann's Hill Road to a position in front of Gosport War Memorial Hospital
- 1045 Standards take post in the Memorial area
- Families of VIPs, Councillors and invited guests process from Thorngate Hall into position
- 1048 Members of the Borough Council, led by the Council Leader will process from Thorngate Hall
- 1052 Macebearer to lead the Mayoral procession from Thorngate Hall to their position at the Memorial
- 1058 All VIPs in position
- Parade brought to attention – The Revd. Sean Blackman will lead the Act of Remembrance followed by Mr Robert Bartlett, Chairman of the Gosport and Alverstoke Royal British Legion who will recite the Exhortation
- ‘Guard Slope Arms’ – General Salute
- 1059 The Bugler (Gosport Solent Brass) will sound the Last Post
- 1100 First Gun

2 Minute Silence

1102

Second gun

The Bugler (Gosport Solent Brass) will sound Reveille on conclusion of the two-minute silence and the firing of the second gun from Fort Blockhouse

The Kohima Epitaph will be recited by Mr. Robert Bartlett, Chairman of the Gosport and Alverstoke Royal British Legion

O/C

Admiral Sir Philip Jones GCB DL and the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Martin Pepper will lead the wreath laying at the Memorial

O/C

The Revd. Sean Blackman will continue with the Remembrance Service

On conclusion

Led by the Mayor's Macebearer, the Civic Procession will move into position for the March Past. Admiral Sir Philip Jones GCB DL and the Worshipful the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Martin Pepper, will take the salute.



THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Gathering

All gather in silence

Chaplain:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in times of trouble.

We meet in the presence of God to remember with
thanksgiving, and with sorrow, all those whose lives have been
given and taken in service, and those whose lives
have been changed by bereavement, disability, and pain,
in wars and conflict, past and present.

Remembering

EXHORTATION

**Mr. Robert Bartlett,
Chairman of Gosport and Alverstoke Royal British Legion:**

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

(Guard Slope Arms)
(Guard General Salute Present Arms)

*The Bugler will introduce the silence by playing Last Post and on
completion of the silence will play Reveille*

Mr. Robert Bartlett

Chairman of Gosport and Alverstoke Royal British Legion:

Kohima Epitaph

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

Wreath Laying

**Led by Admiral Sir Philip Jones GCB DL and the Worshipful the
Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Martin Pepper**

Wreath Bearers:

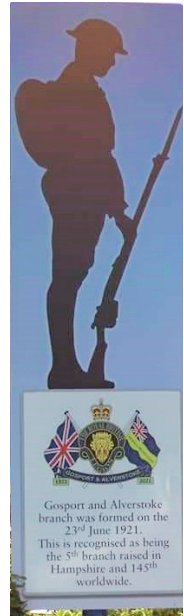
Sir Philip – Cadet Petty Officer Chloe San-Segundo
The Mayor - Cadet Owen McDowell RN VCC

Chaplain:

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from
the storms of war into the peace of your presence.
may we share that same peace.

Calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples, and
establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time,
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me by bow of burning gold,
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my Spear! O clouds, unfold,
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem,
In England's green and pleasant land

Isaac Watts

A Reading from Psalm 47

*The Worshipful the Mayor of Gosport,
Councillor Martin Pepper*

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with the surging

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall:
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress

Come and see what the Lord has done
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth"

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress

Praying Together

Cadet Katie Rushton
9 Platoon (Gosport) Barossa Company
Hampshire & IOW ACF

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom,
justice, and truth.

All: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the
nation, that they may have discipline and
discernment, courage, and compassion.

All: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us
harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness
and friendship.

All: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the
grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and
support.

All: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Cadet Chloe Styler
9 Platoon (Gosport) Barossa Company
Hampshire & IOW ACF

Father God,
We pray for all who work for peace,
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, as we remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow.
As we commend to you lives lost in terror and
conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your
presence.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All join in 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

Zoe Swift
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader for
6th Gosport (Rowner) Air Scout Group

Finlay Swift
6th Gosport (Rowner) Cubs

The Inquisitive Mind of a Child

Why are they selling poppies mummy?
Selling poppies in town today
The poppies, child, are a flower of love
For the men who marched away

But why have they chosen a poppy, mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow

But why are the poppies so red, mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood my child
The blood our soldiers shed

The heart of the poppy is black, mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back

But, why mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain
My tears are my fears for you my child
For the world is – Forgetting again

John F Willcocks (1918-2007)

Responding In Hope and Commitment

Ordinary Cadet Evi Mulball
TS Hornet
Sea Cadet Corps

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will

Chaplain:

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

All: Amen



The Blessing

Chaplain:

Loving God, grant
your grace to the
living, your rest to the
departed unity, peace
and concord to the Church, the King, the
Commonwealth and all people,
and life everlasting to all your servants, And
may the blessing of
the God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with us and
remain with us always. In the
name of Jesus Christ

All: Amen

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**

March Past and Salute