



GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

An Order of Service for

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Sunday 10th November 2024**



- 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. Emma McPhail 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 Jonathon Band GCB DL and The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Richard Earle will lead the wreath laying at the Memorial

O/C The Revd. Emma McPhail 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 Jonathon Band and the Worshipful the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Richard Earle, 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.
The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

We meet today, in the presence of Almighty God, to remember with thanksgiving, and sorrow, all those whose lives have been given and taken in service;
those whose lives have been changed by bereavement, disability or pain, in wars and conflict, both past and present;
and to give thanks for all those still serving today and working for our defence and peace.

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 Jonathon Band GCB DL and the Worshipful
the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Richard Earle**

Wreath Bearers:

Sir Jonathon – Cadet Jack Jardine
The Mayor- Cadet Cpl. Alexander Alborough

Chaplain:

Jesus said, ‘Greater love has no-one than this – that a person lays down their life for their friend.’

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storms of war into the peace of your eternal 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 my 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

Sir Hubert Parry

The Echo of Valour

The Worshipful the Mayor of Gosport
Councillor Richard Earle

Upon the dawn, a tale unfolds,
Of valour strong and courage bold.
In poppy fields, their spirits dwell,
Their stories in our hearts do tell,
A legacy of fortitude gold.

The echo of their bravery,
Resounds throughout our memory.
In silence, we pay tribute true,
To heroes who felt brave, and blue,
Their sacrifice our liberty

Remembrance Day, a time to pause,
To honour those who fought our cause.
With gratitude, we bow our heads,
For the price they paid, the blood they shed,
In pursuit of freedom's laws.

Praying Together

Evie Hanham

*Young Leader, 5th Alverstoke Guides
Girlguiding, Gosport South Division*

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.

Lord in your mercy

All: 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.

Lord in your mercy

All: 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.

Lord in your mercy

All: 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.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Cadet Sgt. Fynlo Martin
Royal Air Force Air Cadets

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: Let us pray

**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.**

All: Amen

Poem

Natalie Hustler

Assistant Cub Scout Leader for 6th Gosport (Rowner) Air Scout Group

Liam Hustler

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

Cadet Bella Reynolds
9 Platoon (Gosport) Barossa Company
Hampshire & IOWACF

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 within us that have not yet been fully cast out by your love:

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of your people.

May we all live lives of justice, courage, and mercy – through the power of Jesus Christ,
the risen Lord, who willingly load down his own life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

All: Amen

The Blessing

Chaplain:

Loving God, please grant your grace to the living,
your rest to the departed,
unity and peace to your Church,
your guidance to the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
and life everlasting to all your faithful servants.

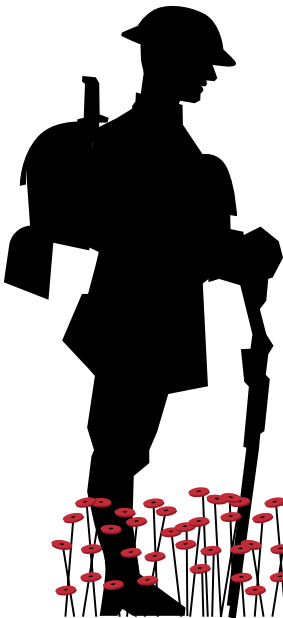
And may the blessing of the Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us and remain upon us always. May our families and homes know your comfort, hope, peace and joy, now and for evermore. In the name of Jesus Christ.

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



REMEMBRANCE