



Higham Ferrers

Service of Remembrance

PARADE MARSHAL—'STAND AT EASE'

MINISTER—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.

MINISTER—The list of those to be commemorated by name is read.

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They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

we will remember them.

ALL— We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded

THE SILENCE

The Reveille is sounded

MINISTER- Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest

ALL— And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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Prayers

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 the 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**

MINISTER—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 faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

ALL— Amen.

**ALL— 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.**

Reading - **Children's Poem**

Pupils from **Henry Chichele Primary School** read a poem

“Remembrance Day Remembered” By John Mole

*For the sake of men we never knew, We trooped into the hall
Where their names in golden letters, Were written on the wall.*

*Somebody sounded a bugle, And ghosts seemed everywhere,
Until the last note softly fell, On the suddenly empty air.*

*Then the world filled up with living, In its own accustomed way
With the usual busy traffic, Of the usual busy day.*

*But what I most remember, And I know I always will,
Is how we stood utterly silent, And absolutely still.*

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 guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.



Symbols of remembrance and hope

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Names of the wreath layers are read out

Representatives 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.

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Blessing

MINISTER—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 all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL— AMEN.

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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”.

Reader— **When you go home, tell them of us and say:
 “For your tomorrow, we gave our today.”**

**Thank you for joining in our Act of Remembrance
Please return any paper service sheets to the Town Hall
You are invited to the Bede House for refreshments and
to view the Remembrance exhibition, which includes
information on the Street Names for the housing develop-
ment behind the Ferrers School (off the A6 bypass).**

