

Shinfield Parish and Royal British Legion

*2025 Act of Remembrance for
Those Fallen in Conflict*



Led jointly by
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Welcome and Introduction

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes
are good;

whose power sustains the world He has made;
who loves us, though we have failed in His service;
who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world;
who by His Holy Spirit leads us in His way.

As we give thanks for His great works
we remember those who have lived and died in His
service and in the service of others;
we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need;
We ask for His help and blessing that we may do His
will,
and that the whole world may acknowledge Him as
Lord and King.

HYMN:

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him, still the same forever.
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like He tends and spares us.
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels in the height, adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayers

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

Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, especially the defence forces of our land, sea and air, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of freedom and justice. In that place of light, where sorrow and mourning are no more give them rest, O Lord, Lover of all people.
Grant this for your Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father,
the Shepherd of Souls, the Giver of life everlasting,
those who have died in defence of peace.
Let us remember those who lived in Shinfield and the surrounding areas.

Poem: Lives to the Full by David Hopwood

Lord, today we remember the many.
The many who have given themselves
To pay the price for freedom.
Those who have laid down their lives
That we might live our lives to the full.

Lord, today we remember the many.
The many who still pay the price for freedom.
Those who even now lay down their lives
That we might live our lives to the full.

And today we remember the One.
The One who paid the price for freedom.
The One who gave up the riches of heaven
That we might live our lives to the full.

The Reading of the Names

The Exhortation

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,
All respond: We shall remember them.

“The Fallen”, Laurence Binyon

Last Post and Standards Dip Two Minute Silence

The Kohima Epitaph
When you go home tell them of us and say -
“For your tomorrow we gave our today”.
All respond: We shall not break faith with you.

Reveille and Standards Raise
Laying of Wreaths

HYMN:

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,
The 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.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all our youth 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.

Bible Readings
Philippians 5:5-8
Matthew 28:11

A short address – Rev Nathan Hunt

Prayers for World Peace and Present Conflicts

All: We pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and
our neighbours:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and
support those working for
the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of all
nations.

The Lord's Prayer

As Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ taught us,
so together we 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. 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 Blessing

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall
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website where you can make a donation to their poppy appeal for
serving and ex-service personnel and their families.
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<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk>

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