Shinfield Parish and Royal British Legion

2026 Act of Remembrance for Those Fallen in Conflict

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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 favor
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.

The Reading of the Names

Royal British Legion: 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

Royal British Legion: 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:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our foolish ways
Reclothe us in our rightful mind
In purer lives Thy service find
In deeper reverence praise
In deeper reverence praise

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord
Let us like them without a word
Rise up and follow Thee
Rise up and follow Thee

O Sabbath rest by Galilee
O calm of hills above
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love
Interpreted by love

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down
As fell Thy manna down

Drop Thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace
The beauty of Thy peace

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm
Let sense be dumb let flesh retire
Speak through the earthquake wind and fire
O still small voice of calm
O still small voice of calm

Bible Readings

Isaiah 40:28-31
James 3:13-18

A short address – Rev Nigel Beer

Prayers for World Peace and Present Conflicts

The Pledge

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 School Green Centre.

Scanning this QR code will take you to the Royal British Legion website where you can make a donation to their poppy appeal for serving and ex-service personnel and their families. You can also donate at Royal British Legion website

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk

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