



Remembrance Sunday

11.00am, 9 November 2025
Cenotaph, Princess Gardens, Torquay



Service of Thanksgiving and Memorial

led by
The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay
Cllr Barbara Lewis
and The Mayor's Chaplain
The Reverend Nathan Kiyaga

Music provided by Bay Brass Band and The Salvation
Army and The City of Exeter Pipes and Drums Band

For those who were killed in action or died
of wounds or sickness during and between
the two great wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45
and in subsequent conflicts.

Order of Service

At 11 o'clock a period of silence will be kept with the firing of the first Maroon.

THE LAST POST

SILENCE

The conclusion of the Silence will be marked by the second Maroon.

REVEILLE

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Spoken by Nick Powe, Deputy Lieutenant of Devon

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping:

those who have died for their country in war;

those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;

and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

THE EXHORTATION

*Spoken by The Worshipful
The Mayor of Torbay (Cllr.
Barbara Lewis)*

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.

*And all shall repeat: **We will
remember them.***

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

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

Amen.

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

O GOD, Our Help in Ages Past

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,
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.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while
troubles last,
And our eternal home.

LESSON

*Read by Lt. Col Ray Irving,
Salvation Army*

Psalm 46

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
their surging.

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
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.

ACT OF PENITENCE

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us confess to God the sins
and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its
greed, its evil divisions and
hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what
is wrong, and our failure to seek
and establish that peace which
God wills for His children.

After a short silence, all say:

**Most merciful God, we
confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we
have been, help us to amend
what we are, and direct what
we shall be that we may do
justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with you, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Almighty God have mercy upon
us, pardon and deliver us from

all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

INTERCESSION

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us pray for those who carry the responsibility of government throughout the world:

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgement; grant unto Charles our King, and to the rulers and governments of this and every nation, in all their doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have them to do. May we be mindful of our duty to uphold them by our constant prayers; that the spirit of wisdom may save them from all false choices; that in your light they may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who still suffer as a result of man's

inhumanity to man...

O GOD, you are the refuge of the broken, the friendless, and innocent victims of war; we commend to your Fatherly care all who have suffered in the service of their country; the relatives of those who have fallen, and all to whom war brings sadness and sorrow; sustain them and relieve them in times of anxiety. Grant that they may find help and sympathy from all, enable us to share their burdens and hearten them in time of need, and so fulfil the law of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for a new sense of peace and justice...

O GOD, you have made of one blood all nations, mercifully receive our prayers that we offer for our anxious and troubled world.

Send your light into our darkness, and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace. Take away all prejudice, hatred and fear.

Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand. And to those who by their counsels lead the people of the earth, grant a right judgement, so that through them and us your will be done.

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

All say together:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

HYMN

Abide with me

Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and
comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.

Swift to its close
ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joy grow dim,
its glories pass away;
Change and decay
in all around I see;

O Thou who changest not,
abide with me.

I need Thy presence every
passing hour;
What but Thy grace can
foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
My guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe,
with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou
abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and
point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and Earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to
the service of God and mankind;

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 the nations.

All say together:

**Lord God Our Father, we
pledge ourselves to serve
you and all mankind, in the
cause of peace, for the relief
of want and suffering, and for
the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit; Give
us wisdom; Give us courage;
Give us hope; And keep us
faithful now and always.**

Amen.

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.

LAYING OF WREATHS

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

*Spoken by The Worshipful
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Barbara Lewis)*

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

BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the
Commonwealth, and all
mankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God
almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down
upon you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Performed by Bay Brass Band,
City of Exeter Pipes and Drums
Band and St Paul's Church
Choir
(no musical introduction)*

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.