

The Parish of Stratfield Mortimer



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

**At the War Memorial at 10.55 a.m.
and afterwards
THE READING OF THE NAMES
at St. John's Church**

THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

THE GATHERING - *We gather in silence.*

10.55 a.m. PARADE TO ATTENTION - THE STANDARDS TO ORDER.

THE INTRODUCTION

Vicar We remember those whose lives have been given and taken in wars and conflicts past and present.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of war and conflict.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations of the world that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Eternal God, from whose love we cannot be parted in life or death,
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all those whom we gather to remember this day.
As you have fulfilled in them the purpose of your love,
so bring us, at the last, to be with them in love's eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO DIP

THE LAST POST

THE EXHORTATION - Read by the District Representative of the 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 affirm: **We will remember them.**

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

**The Royal British Legion
The Royal British Legion Women's Section
The Parish Council
The Police
The Fire Service
The Scouts
The Guides
Others who may wish to lay wreaths.**

THE STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO ORDER

PRAYER

Vicar Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storms of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish lasting harmony among the nations, through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PARADE ASSEMBLES AND PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH WHERE WE ARE ALL INVITED TO GATHER TO REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING AS THE NAMES ARE READ.

THE SERVICE CONTINUES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

THE STANDARDS AND FLAGS ARE CARRIED TO THE ALTAR.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

THE READING - ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL 5: 1-12.

We sit.

Reader A reading from St Matthew's Gospel.

Jesus taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely
on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

At the end of the reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace.

For all the men and women who have died in the violence of conflict and war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For those who love them still beyond death and know the distress of grief and the sadness of loss;
May God give peace.

All **God give peace**

For all the members of our armed forces who stand for justice and put themselves in danger for the greater good, and for their families and friends;

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For civilians - women, children and men - whose lives have been hurt and broken by war and terrorism, as we call to mind in penitence the wasteful anger and hatreds which disfigure humanity;
May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who work to keep our world secure and free;

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all who are in positions of leadership - political, military and religious - that they may seek the gift of wisdom and resolve to strive for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - THE READING OF THE NAMES

We stand.

Vicar 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 war and conflict
for our country.

Let us remember those who lived in Stratfield Mortimer or in its surrounding countryside:

THE NAMES ARE READ BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Here follows a short time of silence.

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

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

DURING THE HYMN A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE WORK OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

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.

STANDARDS AND FLAGS ARE RECEIVED BACK AND BROUGHT TO ORDER FACING THE ALTAR

All remain standing.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Vicar 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.

Merciful God, may the fears of our world be cast out by love, may hearts and communities be renewed by hope, and may we all live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through the love and goodness of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All Amen

STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO DIP.

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.**

STANDARDS AND FLAGS TO CARRY.

THE BLESSING

Vicar 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,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
 and remain with you always.

All Amen.

STANDARDS AND FLAGS TURN ABOUT AND LEAD OUT.