

Potton Remembrance Sunday 2023

Order of Service



12th November 2023 starting at 10.10am



Introduction and Welcome

Hymn 1

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

(William Williams (171-17-1791) trans. Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others)

Bible Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Prayers

One of the town's minsters leads us in prayer. At the end we say together...

**Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.**

**Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror
and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the
peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.



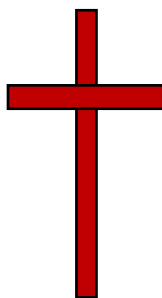
Hymn 2

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm does bind the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
o hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

Lord God, who speaks with voice so clear,
speak that we know that thou art near;
protect your faithful Army friends,
for they have helped, our peace to win;
and bless us as we join our hands,
with those in peril on the land.

Lord, guard and guide all who fly
through the great spaces of the sky
be with them on their lonely flights
through darkening day and endless nights
O hear us as we lift our prayers
for those in peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
your children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



Remembrance Parade

Parade Order

Parade Leader; Salvation Army; Clergy and Church Leaders;
Flag Bearer(s); Pottton Town Council; Ex Service Men and
Women; Guides, Brownies and Rainbows; Scouts, Cubs and
Beavers; Schools and Pre-schools; Members of the Public;
The Fire Service.

At the War Memorial

Act of Remembrance

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 humankind.

The list of those to remember by name will be read by Alan Leggatt.

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.

We will remember them.

The laying of the wreathes takes place, which will be supervised by Cllr Carol Leggatt.

The Two Minute Silence

The silence is followed by:

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.**

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women; 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.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Holy 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.**

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.**

Blessing

God grant
to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all
humankind,
tolerance, harmony and peace;
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.**

*Parade returns to the Market Square. Refreshments available in
the Community Centre, Brook End following the return of the
parade.*

