

Potton Remembrance Sunday

Order of Service



Sunday 9th November 2025

from 10.10am at the Market Square

10.45am at the Cemetery



Introduction and Welcome

Hymn 1

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.**

Refrain

***O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.**

Refrain

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

The song concludes without a third Refrain

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
Based on the Prayer of St. Francis
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Bible Readings: Isaiah 2:2-5

A representative from one of the Potton Churches reads a short passage.

Prayers

One of the town's ministers 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

The Parade Leader calls the assembled people to order and the procession to the War Memorial begins.

Parade Order:

Parade Leader

Salvation Army

Clergy and Church Leaders

Flag Bearers

Deputy Lieutenant

Potton Town Council

Service and Ex-Service Personnel

Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels

School 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 human kind.

The list of those to be remembered by name will be read by Alan Leggatt, during which poppy crosses are placed adjacent to the War Memorial.

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 wreaths takes place, led by the Deputy Lieutenant. Supervised by Cllr Carol Leggatt. [Representatives of organisations wishing to lay a wreath must report to Cllr Leggatt.]

Wreath Laying Order:

- *Deputy Lieutenant, Mr Martin Darlow*
- *Chairman of Potton Town Council, Cllr Vicki Gwilliam*
- *Ex-Serviceman, Mr Anthony Herdman (Royal Marine-40 Commando)*
- *Salvation Army*
- *St Mary's Church*
- *Representatives of Uniformed Public Services (Fire and Ambulance Services)*
- *Representatives of Youth Organisations (Scout and Guides groups)*
- *School and pre-schools*
- *Members of the Public*

The Two-Minute Silence

If the service is running ahead of schedule and it is too early for the national Two-Minute Silence then the Minsters may read poems and other readings as appropriate in order to take us to the appropriate time.

Just before 11am the Two-Minute Silence is introduced by the playing of the Last Post, during which all flags will be lowered except for the Salvation Army Standard.



The Two-Minute Silence comes to an end with the playing of Reveille, during which flags will be raised.

When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.

Kohima Epitaph

A minister then prays:

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;
fulfill 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,
forever 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.



The parade returns to the Market Square.

*Refreshments available in the Community Centre, Brook End following
the return of the parade.*

Thank you for your attendance at this community service.