

# Remembrance Service

Sunday, 13 November, 2022

R.W.F. Memorial, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham, at 10.58 am

Officiants:

Right Reverend Peter M. Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham  
Reverend Canon Dr Jason Bray, Vicar of St Giles' Parish Church, Wrexham  
Reverend Father Nicholas Enzama, AJ Cathedral Dean

Gathering

As the Mayoral Party approaches, the Parade will be called to attention. When in position, the Parade will be asked to stand at ease.

The presiding minister reads the following sentences:

“God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46.1)

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6.8)

The presiding minister continues:

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Remembering

The Parade will be called to attention

Charlotte Boothby, Ella Monks & Emelia Zietara, Pupils representing Ysgol Rhosnesni, will say:

*“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.”*

Congregation - “We will remember them”

The Mayoral Party, Councillors and Officers of the Council will turn to face the R.W.F. Memorial.

10.59 am ‘Last Post’ will be sounded after which two minutes silence will be observed

At the end of the silence ‘Reveille’ will be sounded.

The Mayor followed by others in the Mayoral Party will lay wreaths on the Memorial.

The Parade will be asked to stand at ease.

The Mayoral Party, Councillors and Officers of the Council will turn to face the congregation.

The following prayer is read:

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

Congregation - Amen.

The following prayer is read:

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war in the last century and to this day.*

*We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.*

*By your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Congregation - Amen.

The following hymn will be sung:

*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.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly  
forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our  
guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.*

Listening for the Word from God

The reader says:

*"Hear these words from the New Testament (Matthew 5:1-12)"*

*Jesus said: "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."*

## **Praying Together**

Prayer is led:

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

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our  
grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war  
or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of  
humanity;

May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

Congregation - God give peace

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.

Amen.

Pawb i ymuno a'i gilydd yng Ngweddi'r Arglwydd yn eu mamiaith /  
All join together in the Lord's Prayer in their mother tongue:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.  
Amen.**

## **RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT**

**Mr Arthur Massey, representing the Burma Star Association will say:**

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

The following hymn will be sung:

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee**

for those in peril on the sea.  
O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.  
O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.  
O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns from air and land and sea.

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living, faithful service and the pursuit of justice.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will** Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will** Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will** Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

**Specified Members of the Party will proceed to the Memorial Hall to lay further wreaths.**

**The Mayoral Party, Councillors and Officers of the Council will turn to face the R.W.F. Memorial.**

**Representatives of organisations will then lay wreaths on the Memorial.**

**When the laying of their wreaths has been completed, the Party will return to the Memorial.**

The Parade will be called to attention

**The Mayoral Party, Councillors and Officers of the Council will turn to face the congregation**

HEN WLAD FY NHADAU  
Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi  
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion enwogion o fri;  
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mad

Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.  
Gwlad, gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,  
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,  
O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.  
(Saib i godi'r baneri /Pause for raising of standards)

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**  
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.

### **THE BLESSING**

The following blessing is used:

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.

### **Amen**

The Mayor and Members of the Saluting Party will proceed to the saluting base in Chester Street. The salute will be taken by the Mayor, Colonel N J Lock, OBE, Lt Col Mark Pritchard, the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd and the Chief Executive of WCBC. When they have left, the Parade will be asked to stand at ease, after which detachments will be formed up for the march into Chester Street.

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