

**Farsley Rehoboth Baptist
Burial Ground
Armistice Day 2023 Order of Service
Saturday 11th November 2023 from 10.45 am
Assemble 10.30 am**



Gate Poems by Emma Hogarth

"We shall not forget"

This service will be filmed and Photographed

At the end of the Service there will be the opportunity to allow for a period of reflection and for personal tributes to be made at individual War and Remembered Graves.

The Gathering and Welcome.

Welcome from Richard Hainsworth, Chairperson, Friends of Farsley Rehoboth.

The Reverend Gareth Howles then presides.

Minister

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.

Hymn - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Listening for the Word of God

Reader Hear these words from the New Testament.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. *John 14.27*

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3.17,18

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. *1 John 1.5*

Praying Together

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.

All

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.

All

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.

All **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.

All **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace.

All **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.

All **God give peace.**

A Prayer of Commemoration

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
in Christ Jesus.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm
to strengthen and protect the armed forces:
grant that meeting danger with courage
and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,
they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;
to the honour of your holy name, through
our saviour Christ.

May God give peace.

All **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.

The Exhortation

**Delivered by Colonel Stephen Boardman, MBE DL Deputy Lieutenant
West Yorkshire**

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 We will remember them.

Last Post played by Bugler Darren Walker.

To be followed by two minute timed silence.

The completion of the silence is signalled by Reveille, played by Bugler Darren Walker.

A candle within a lantern will then be lit and a dedication placed upon the Official War Grave of Arthur Hainsworth Wade by Jayne Myers (grand niece of Corporal Fred Marshall who is buried in the Rehoboth).

Wreaths are then laid, led by Colonel Stephen Boardman, MBE DL Deputy Lieutenant West Yorkshire.

The following prayer is said

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.

Amen.

Act of Penitence

In a moment of stillness we are each invited to reflect upon
our lives, before God, before our fellows whether man or
woman or child, and before ourselves.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

All Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

All

Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Poem 'Remembrance' by Charles Henry Wood read by
Colonel Stephen Boardman, MBE DL Deputy Lieutenant West Yorkshire.**

Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,
That all are human and all pay the price.
All life is dear and should be treated so;
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.

Protect, dear Lord, all who, on our behalf,
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.
May they find courage for each task they face
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.
Then, duty done and missions at an end,
Return them safe to family and friends.

Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;
Who died protecting us and this their land.
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.
With those who mourn support and comfort share,

Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.
And some there be who no memorial have;
Who perished are as though they they'd never been.
For our tomorrows their today they gave,
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,
At dusk and dawn – we will remember them.

“This Remembrance Day” by the choir of Valley View Community School.

All join together in 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.**

Responding in Hope and Commitment

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, 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.

All **Amen.**

“In Flanders Fields” (John McCrea) is read.

The Kohima Epitaph is delivered by Malcolm Booth.

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

The National Anthem led by the choir of Valley View Community School.

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

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,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Roll of Honour – Read by Paul Hogarth.

Closing remarks from Richard Hainsworth.

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