

Farsley Rehoboth Baptist Burial Ground Armistice Day 2019 Order of Service



**Monday 11th November 2019 from 10.45 am
With Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am**

“We shall not forget”

This event will be filmed

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.

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The Gathering and Welcome

Welcome from Richard Hainsworth,

Friends of the Farsley Rehoboth Baptist Burial Ground

The Reverend Canon Paul Tudge 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.**

Remembering

An older person says

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

A younger person may reply

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All We will remember them.
The Last Post is played.

Two-minutes silence is kept.

The completion of the silence is signalled by Reveille.

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 Henrywood

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.

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.

The Kohima Epitaph is said by a Veteran

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

The National Anthem is sung

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen
Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the Queen

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, 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.