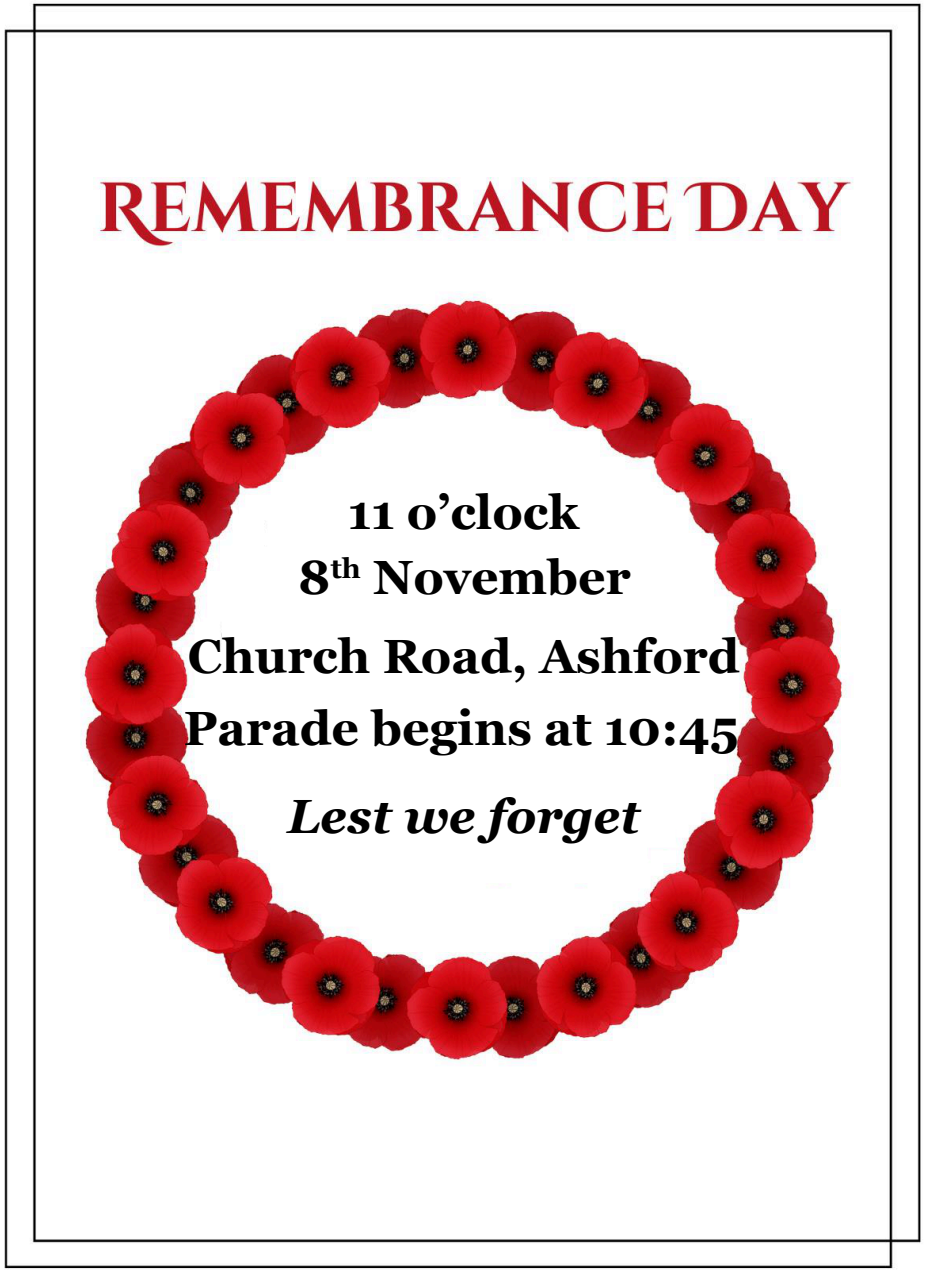


Words of Welcome

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

Welcome to Ashford's Remembrance Sunday service. I am pleased that you can be here with us at our town's place of remembrance to join us in honouring those who courageously served their country and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Bidding Prayer

Minister

We meet in this special place and in the presence of God.

To 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 come to pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We come to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Confession & Absolution

Minister

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; the evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

(Observation of a short silence)

Minister

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Act of Remembrance

Minister

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 forever.

All **Amen**

The Exhortation

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

They shall not grow 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**

The Last Post

(Silence)

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Douglas, Ashford Wide.

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

Hymn: Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time,
Walk upon England's mountains green:
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On Englands pleasant pastures seen!
And did the Countenance Divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold:
Bring me my Arrows of desire:
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold:
Bring me my Chariot of fire!
I will not cease from Mental Fight,

Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:
Till we have built Jerusalem,
In Englands green & pleasant Land.

Intercessions

Minister

We pray for all who have died or suffer as a result of conflict

Those whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,

For service men and women, for civilians,

For those held captive, each one remembered by and known to God.

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers; Those who seek

to keep this world secure and free;

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**

Finally, we pray 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**

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All:

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.

Act of Commitment

Minister

As we prepare to leave this place 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 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.

Wreath Laying

Musical Interlude performed by Staines and Lammas Brass Bands

The Blessing

Minister

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you all and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

Go forth with hope and seek for peace in the service of God.

All **Amen**

Dismissal Parade

This order of service is based on that of the National Memorial Arboretum Service, our national focal point of Remembrance.

Ashford Wide community non-profit organises and funds Remembrance Sunday activities, not the council.

The bells rung today were provided by St. Matthew's Church.

The band were Staines Brass Band.

We appreciate your support.

To donate, and for more information about Ashford Wide's Remembrance Day and other events, please visit:

www.ashfordwide.com/remembrance-day/