

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

AT
THE WAR MEMORIAL
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

LEST WE FORGET

To the men and women,
especially of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire,
and animals who laid down their lives
in the service of their country,
in the cause of freedom, justice and peace.



As a sign of respect would members of the Congregation, please ensure that mobile telephones are switched off or on silent during the Service.

Thank you.

Music played throughout the Service by
The Nottinghamshire Band of The Royal Engineers
who will be accompanied by the Nottingham Hospitals Choir

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Parade to attention
The Civic Party will arrive at the War Memorial and take their places for the Service
Parade at ease

Introduction
The Bishop of Southwell, The Rt Revd Paul Williams
Jesus said 'My command is this: love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' **John 15: 12-13**
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God **Matthew 5: 9**

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good and whose power sustains the world he has made. We remember those who have lived and died in the service of others, especially from the City and County of Nottingham and who are commemorated in this place. At this time of heightened tension and conflict in our world today, we pray for all who continue to suffer through war. We confess the shortcomings of the world, its pride, its selfishness, its greed, and its failure to seek lasting peace.

God of light and love,
You desire that all your people should live in your peace.
Grant us the humility to ask your forgiveness,
And the will to practise it.
Help us to work for the good of the world,
To seek for peace and justice,
And make the world better for our children's children,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn
1. I vow to thee my country
all earthly things above;
entire and whole and perfect
the service of my love.
The love that asks no questions
the love that stands the test;
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters
the love that pays the price
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

2. And there's another country
I've heard of long ago;
most dear to them that love her
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies;
we may not see her king;
her fortress is a faithful heart;
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase
and her ways are ways of gentleness;
and all her paths are peace.

(Words by Cecil Spring Rice 1859-1918, music by Gustav Holst 1874-1934)

Prayers
The Bishop of Nottingham, Monsignor Patrick McKinney
Let us offer to Almighty God our prayers for the peace of the world and for the relief of suffering

For the King and his family, and all those under him who bear the responsibility of government:
ALL: Thanks be to God.
For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, whereby our peace has been preserved:
ALL: Thanks be to God.
For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air:
ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.
For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress:
ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.
For all who continue to suffer as a result of war:
ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.
For the unity and peace of the peoples of the world:
ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.
For the Royal British Legion:
ALL: Let us pray to the Lord.

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. **Amen**
The World Prayer for Peace. Satish Kumar.

Our Father, who art in heaven, ALL

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.

Hymn

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. Beneath 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.

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

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

(Words by Isaac Watts 1674-1748, music by William Croft 1678-1727)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE ***The Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Solomon Ayree-Brown, Minister, United Reform Church***

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war; especially those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure.

Let us also remember before God his world today, a world still blighted by violence, war and conflict.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for the men and women of this city whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Parade to attention

ACT OF HOMAGE Alex Peace-Gadsby OBE DL, County President RBL
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.**

The Last Post. The Silence. Reveille.

During the silence heads remain bowed as all remember the sacrifice made by the fallen for our freedom and safety.

Alex Peace-Gadsby OBE DL, County President Nottinghamshire RBL
When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today

(from the Kohima Epitaph)

Parade at ease.

'THE FALLING LEAVES' BY MARGARET POSTGATE-COLE (1893-1980)
Leader of Nottingham City Council, Councillor Neghat Khan

Today, as I rode by,
I saw the brown leaves dropping from their tree
In a still afternoon,
When no wind whirled them whistling to the sky,

But thickly, silently,
They fell, like snowflakes wiping out the noon;
And wandered slowly thence
For thinking of a gallant multitude

Which now all withering lay,
Slain by no wind of age or pestilence,
But in their beauty strewed
Like snowflakes falling on the Flemish clay.

WREATHS ARE LAID AT THE MEMORIAL

Civic Party:
Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC
Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Cheryl Barnard
Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Christopher Adegoke
High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Merleta Bryan-Hilton MBE
Mercian Regiment Major Sean Leach
Commanding Officer, East Midlands University Officers' Training Corps Emma Allen MBE
RAF Syerston, Group Captain Barry E Dale LLM MA LLB CMgr FRAeS RAF
County President Nottinghamshire RBL, Alex Peace-Gadsby OBE DL
Alex Norris MP
Chief Fire Officer, Craig Parkin
Police and Crime Commissioner, Gary Godden
Chief Constable, Steve Cooper
Followed by
Representatives from Faith Communities, veterans and other organisations under the instruction of the RSM

Nottingham Hospitals Choir sings the following:
The Long Day Closes, words by Henry F Chorley, music by Sir Arthur Sullivan
Thou Knowest Lord, words from the Book of Common Prayer, music by Henry Purcell
For the Fallen words by R Laurence Binyon, music by Paul Hayward

ACT OF COMMITMENT ***Revd Ruth Turner, Open Christian Fellowship***
As the years pass, may we never forget the sacrifices made by so many. As we look to the future, let us now pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and neighbour: 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, **ALL**
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 Spirit;
give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen

BLESSING ***The Bishop of Southwell, The Rt Revd Paul Williams***
God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Parade to attention

NATIONAL ANTHEM **ALL**

1 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!

2 Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!

Parade at ease

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO HAS TAKEN PART IN TODAY'S
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY WE ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO
REMEMBER
THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN

AND TO ALSO
REMEMBER
THOSE SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES TODAY,
AND THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE

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