



In Church & At Home Zoom Remembrance Sunday Parade Service 9th November 2025

Service commences at 10:50 am, led by William Glasse

Order of Service

Welcome

Call to Worship - *Psalm 98:1-4*

Hymn: O God, our help in ages past 498MP

Prayer of Approach

The Act of Remembrance

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 affirm: We will remember them.

The Last Post

2 minutes Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph:

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

Prayer

Hymn: God is our strength and refuge 188MP (*Colours received*)

Notices

Offering and Dedication

Youngest sections leave for craft activity

Bible Reading - Haggai 2:1-9

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 'Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, "Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?"

But now be strong, Zerubbabel," declares the Lord. "Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land," declares the Lord, "and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty. "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear."

'This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord Almighty.

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the Lord Almighty. "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the Lord Almighty. "And in this place I will grant peace," declares the Lord Almighty.'

Poem – In Retrospect (Simon Armitage)

The world asks a great deal of the poppies,
insists they carry the wounds of war
and shoulder the weight of remembrance.
Such flimsy, wavering plants;
we painted their flowers the colour of blood
and punched dark holes in their heads
as if bullets had passed through,
then trimmed them with green sprigs of hope.
And from deep in the seeds we concocted
the essence of sleep and dreams and resting-in-peace.
Almost weightless even in full bloom
we made them souls, the poppies, souls
of those who we lost, and – let it be said –
those who we killed.

Poppies – nursed in darkness, nourished by dirt.
But for all their spindly roots, frail stalks
and papery petals – as easily smudged
as a butterfly wing –
they joggle into existence
again and again, unearthing themselves
in fallow fields and railway sidings,
on roundabouts, verges and no man's land,
from the brickwork of old chimneys and bridges
and cracks in the pavement.
They nod and they nag,
reminding us not to forget, flagging a red alert
as their crumpled petals unfold.
So, rightly, the poppies ask a great deal of the world.

Hymn: Eternal Father, strong to save 122MP

Address - Armistice or Remembrance (Haggai 2:4b-5)

I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty. "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear."

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: We remember those who dying (Colours returned)

Dismissal

Blessing

The National Anthem 194MP (verses 1 & 3)