



Joining together in remembrance

Sunday 12 November 2023
Order of Service



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Service conducted by: The Reverend Canon Fred Ashford-Okai Flg Off RAFAC and Chaplain of the Royal British Legion, East Ham and District Branch.

O God Our Help In Ages Past

Newham Music O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure, Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Our earth received her fame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

Amen.



The act of remembrance

Exhortation

Bob Spencer Chairman of the Royal British Legion East Ham and District Branch 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

Field gun firing followed by two minutes of silence at 11am

Field gun firing followed by the reveille

Kohima Prayer

Bob Spencer Chairman of the Royal British Legion East Ham and District Branch When you go home, tell them of us and say, For their tomorrow, we gave our today.

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The Laying of the Wreaths

Reading of Poems

Helen Matthew, Royal British Legion East Ham and District Branch

Abide With Me

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Abide with me; fast falls the eventide, The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide, When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness; Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death. O Lord, abide with me.

Amen.



Prayers

The Commitment

Led by The Reverend Canon Fred Ashford-Okai with guests responding 'We Will' Padre: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Padre: Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will.

Padre: Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will.

Padre: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will.

Padre: 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.

Amen.

Benediction

The National Anthem

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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.

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End of Service

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