An Act of Remembrance

with the laying of wreaths at

Dorking War Memorial

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Led by The Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Cheetham, Assistant Bishop

*Please join in the hymns and the words in **bold***

Welcome & Gathering

The Rev'd Dr Anthony Rustell

We meet in the presence of God, to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away; to pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror; and 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.

All **Amen**.

The Word

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5: vv 1-10
Read by a Cadet of the ATC

Hymn

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

This service sheet is also available at:

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Psalm 23 (1650) Music: Jessie S. Irvine (1836-1887)

Exhortation

Maj. (Ret'd) Elizabeth J. Viner, ARRC, QARANC

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**.

A trumpeter sounds The Last Post

Two minutes silence is kept, after which a trumpeter sounds Reveille.

The Kohima Epitaph

Maj. (Ret'd) Elizabeth J. Viner, ARRC, QARANC

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

Hymn

Wreaths are laid during the singing of the 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 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.

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

6 Like flow'ry fields the nations stand,
pleased with the morning light.
The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand
lie with'ring ere 'tis night.

7 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: I Watts (1674-1748) Music: W Croft (1678-1727)

A brief address

The Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Cheetham, Assistant Bishop

Poem & Prayers

Canon Peter Bruinvels CC & The Revd Alex Cacouris

Prayers for peace and justice, ending with the Lord's Prayer overleaf

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.

The Act of Commitment

The Rev'd Rob Stevens, Crossways Baptist Church

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: 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.

All **Lord God our Father,**
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 Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Cheetham, Assistant Bishop

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.

Following the National Anthem, the Armed Forces Cadets will move away from the Memorial very shortly before returning to honour the fallen with a march past. To allow for this please move back to clear the roads and also the area directly in front of the Memorial.

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