



HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

HAYWARDS HEATH



AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

**9th November 2025
10.45am**

INTRODUCTION by Fr. Edward Pritchett, Rector at St Wilfrid's Church

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

We meet in the presence of God.

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

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

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Beneath 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,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

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

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



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All stand while the minister says

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

EXHORTATION- *Haywards Heath Royal British Legion*

“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 repeat **We will remember them**

THE LAST POST

2 minutes silence

REVEILLE

Ever-living God,
we remember those
whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



READING JOHN 15. 9-17

Read by Cllr Duncan Pascoe, Town Mayor

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace. *All* **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace. *All* **God give peace.**

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.**

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace. *All* **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace. *All* **God give peace.**

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.**



O 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 LAYING OF THE WREATHS

KOHIMA ADDRESS - *Haywards Heath Royal British Legion*

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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 need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, 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.**



ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity:
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

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.
Amen.

BLESSING

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



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.**

ORDER FOR LAYING WREATHS

Vice Lord - Lieutenant of West Sussex – Sir Richard Kleinwort Bt
Town Mayor of Haywards Heath - Cllr Duncan Pascoe
Chairman of Royal British Legion, Haywards Heath Branch - Danny Kington
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner - Katy Bourne
Alison Bennett MP

East Gate

- WSCC-Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi
- MSDC- Cllr Robert Eggleston
- Royal Air Force Association
- Air Training Corps
- Army Cadet Force
- Burma Star Association
- Sussex Police
- W. Sussex Fire & Rescue
- South East Coast Ambulance Service
- University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust
- Scout Association
- Girlguiding UK
- Haywards Heath United Services Club
- Haywards Heath Quakers
- War Horse Memorial (Purple Poppies)

West Gate

- Haywards Heath Rotary Club
- Haywards Heath Lions Club
- The Catenian Association
- Mid Sussex Conservatives
- Haywards Heath Labour Party
- Haywards Heath Liberal Democrats
- Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove
- Mid Sussex Older People's Council
- SAIF
- Nat. Assoc. of Funeral Directors
- Haywards Heath Town Team
- Haywards Heath Twinning Association
- Haywards Heath Community CIC
- Haywards Heath Arts Festival
- Freemasons

Private Wreaths

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