



Higham Ferrers

Service of Remembrance

PARADE MARSHAL—'STAND AT EASE'

MINISTER—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.

MINISTER—The list of those to be commemorated by name is read.

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They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, not 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 is sounded

THE SILENCE

The Reveille is sounded

MINISTER- Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest

ALL— And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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Prayers

MINISTER—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, ordering 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 the 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**

MINISTER—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 faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

ALL— **Amen.**

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.**

Reading

Pupils from Higham Ferrers Junior School read a poem

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more.
Feed me now and ever more.



Open thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.



→ When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

Symbols of remembrance and hope

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Representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

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Blessing

MINISTER—God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, 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.

ALL— AMEN.

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Reading

A representative from the Armed Forces will read a poem

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen;
Long live our noble Queen;
God save the Queen;
Send her victorious;
Happy and glorious;
Long to reign over us;
God save our Queen.

The choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to store;
Long may she reign;
May she defend our laws;
And ever give us cause;
To sing with heart and voice;
“God save the Queen”.

Reader— **When you go home, tell them of us and say:
“For your tomorrow, we gave our today.”**

**Thank you for joining in our Act of Remembrance
Please return any paper service sheets to the Town Hall**

