



Service of Remembrance

Sunday 12 November 2023



**Lowestoft
Town Council**

In the event of wet weather, a shortened version of this service will be delivered with the omission of the hymn, poems and some prayers.

Please note this service sheet is printed on recycled paper and all parts of RBL poppies are recyclable.

The Remembrance Parade, led by soldiers of F (Sphinx) Parachute Battery Royal Horse Artillery, 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, will enter the Parade Square.

Welcome by the Mayor of Lowestoft, Councillor Sonia Barker
Reverend Helen Jary will read Psalm 46.1

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

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work, with humility and honesty, for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace.

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

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

Parade to Attention

Mr Philip Turner, Chairman, Royal British Legion, Lowestoft Branch, leads the Exhortation.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grown 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 start of the two minutes silence will be marked by the 105mm (L118) Light Gun from F (Sphinx) Parachute Battery, 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

THE SILENCE

The Bugler sounds The Last Post

The second Light Gun marks the end of The Silence

The Bugler sounds the Reveille

The Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Lowestoft Branch, leads the Kohima Epitaph

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

Reading of Poems; In Flanders Fields (*John McCrae*) read by East Point Academy
Why Do I Wear a Poppy (*Anne Starr*) read by Ormiston Denes Academy

The Mayor leads the Prayer of Remembrance

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.**

PARADE TO STAND AT EASE

Clare, Countess of Euston H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, will read Matthew 5: v3 - 11

Reverend Helen Jary will deliver an Address

THE PRAYERS which will include **THE LORD'S PRAYER (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 of Poems; The Soldier (*Rupert Brooke*) read by Pakefield High School

A Poem (*Violette Szabo*) read by Benjamin Britten Academy

THE LAYING OF WREATHS order to be called by **The Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet Warrant Officer Class 1 A Pearson (Framlingham College CCF) and Cadet Corporal L Chauvet (A Company Suffolk ACF) and led by Clare, Countess of Euston H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk**

HYMN – O God our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

3. A thousand ages in Thy sight

Are like an evening gone;

Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun.

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne

Thy saints have dwelt secure;

Sufficient is Thine arm alone,

And our defence is sure.

4. O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Be Thou our guard while life shall last,

And our eternal home.

Superintendent Amanda Wisler, Mission Area Officer for The Fishermen's Mission leads The Act of Commitment and The Prayer of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes peace? **WE WILL**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **WE WILL**

Will you work for justice for all humanity? **WE WILL**

Lord God, our Maker, Redeemer and Judge,

In this beautiful and broken world, which you have made and we have spoiled, we turn back to you and commit ourselves once again, to strive for peace, to heal the wounds, and to work for justice. Help us to love our neighbour, to love our enemy, and to love our God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

PARADE TO ATTENTION

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.

Rev Helen Jary gives the Final Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord guard you and guide you,

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,

the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **AMEN**

Today's music is provided by East Coast Sinfonietta.

Thank you to First Light Festival Community Interest Company for their support with today's event.



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