



MALDEN, COOMBE & KINGSTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

NEW MALDEN MEMORIAL

Sunday 12th November 2023 at 9.30am

**In the presence of His Majesty The King's representative,
Fr. Martin Hislop DL**

and

**The Worshipful the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames,
Cllr. Diane White**

**Conducted by Rev. Katie Thomas,
Vicar, St. James Church, New Malden**

**Hymns led by Kingston & Malden Scout & Guide Band and
the Choir of St. James Church**

Welcome and Invitation to share in the Act of Worship

HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

REFRAIN: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
 So much to be consoled as to console
 To be understood as to understand
 Or to be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

REFRAIN

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

REFRAIN

ACT OF CONFESSION

The Vicar says:

Loving God,
we are reminded today of how easy it is to speak of peace,
and how difficult it is to pursue it:
how straightforward it sounds to talk of breaking down barriers,
yet how demanding it is actually to live as peacemakers.
Yet we are reminded also that this is what you want from us -
to live in such a way that we heal wounds
rather than create them,
that we unite rather than divide,
that we reconcile rather than separate.
For our share in the world's continuing pain,

All: Lord, forgive us.

May the peace we pray for
begin here and now in our hearts
and so may we be instruments of your peace,
bringing healing to our broken world,
and harmony between the nations.

All: Amen

POEM

Read by Coombe Boys' School pupil

I do not know your name
Nor for which battle you died.
I do not know your home,
Nor the tears that were cried.

I do not know where you rest
Nor the promises broken.
I do not know your uniform
And your fears lay unspoken.

But, I know your spirit exists
That your courage is admired,
And your sacrifice is honoured
By each soul that's inspired.

And I offer you from my heart
Thank you, to guardians unknown
For offering yourselves for us all
That we may keep freedom...
Our home.

by Sherrie Ball

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READING AND ADDRESS by the Vicar

Colossians Chapter 3 Verses 12-17

PEACE PERFECT PEACE

Sung by the Choir of St. James Church

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE led by the Vicar

We remember those victims of war past and present.

Those who suffered or were killed as a result of war.

All: We remember them.

Those who suffered or were executed because they refused to kill in war.

All: We remember them.

Those bereaved through war.

All: We remember them.

Those who are refugees or homeless due to war.

All: We remember them.

Those suffering injury due to war.

All: We remember them.

Those suffering disease or poverty due to war.

All: We remember them.

Those who endure mental trauma due to war.

All: We remember them.

Loving God,
Forgive us that despite our best intentions
We have so often forgotten the lessons of the past,
Speak to us through all we have heard and shared today,
So that we can truly say,
And truly mean,
'We will remember them'.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(we say together)*

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;
Forever and ever. Amen.

LAYING OF WREATHS

Wreaths will be laid on the Memorial by His Majesty The King's representative followed by The Worshipful the Mayor on behalf of the residents of the Royal Borough followed by members of the civic party.

Representatives of organisations, schools, businesses and any other persons wishing to lay wreaths may then do so as directed by the Royal British Legion steward during the following hymn.

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

EXHORTATION

*Given by Hon. Alderman Ken Smith JP
President of the Royal British Legion
Malden, Coombe and Kingston 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 say: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

THE LAST POST

SILENCE

REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH

Read by Hon. Alderman Ken Smith JP

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

THE BLESSING

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



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The Royal British Legion

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