



**MALDEN, COOMBE & KINGSTON
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

10th November 2024 at 9.30am

**CENTENARY OF THE UNVEILING
OF
NEW MALDEN WAR MEMORIAL
1924 - 2024**

In the presence

of

**The Worshipful the Mayor of the
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames,
Cllr. Liz Green**

**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

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, oh, 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 pow'r?
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;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Read by pupils of Coombe Boys' and Coombe Girls' Schools

On a cold November Sunday morn, an old man sits a while
Looking through old photographs, he can't help but smile
They're all there, all the boys, with hair cut short and neat
Uniforms of khaki, strong black boots upon their feet.
They met as strangers but soon became like brothers to the end
Smiling at the camera, there could be no truer friends.
They all took the Queen's shilling, went off to fight the hun,
Soon learnt the pain of loss once the fighting had begun.

So many never made it home, lost on foreign shores
Many more were injured and would be the same no more.
The old man's eyes mist with tears as he remembers every face
Each of his fallen brothers and the killing which took place.

He proudly dons his beret, his blazer and his tie
For today he will remember the ones who fell and died.
On his chest there is a poppy, a blaze of scarlet on the blue
He steps out into the cold, he has a duty he must do
Once at the cenotaph he stands amongst the ranks
Of those who marched to war and those who manned the tanks,
He bows his head in reverence, as the last post begins to play
And he wonders what will happen at the ending of his days.

Will anyone remember? Will anybody care?
About the lads so far from home whose life was ended there?
I wish that I could tell him, that he should fear not
For this soldier and his brothers will NEVER be forgot
We owe a debt of gratitude that we can never pay
And this country WILL remember them, on each Remembrance day.

by Maria Cassee

READING AND ADDRESS by the Vicar

Psalm 23

PSALM 23 ANGLICAN CHANT

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 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 invites you to remain in the memorial square after the service when we will be showing a video produced by local schools expressing what remembrance means to New Malden 100 years on from the unveiling of the memorial.

We will then mark the national silence at 11am after which we would ask you to disperse safely so that the Council can reopen the road.

**With thanks
to:**

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