WITNEY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

<u>HYMN</u>

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

Under 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.

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

A 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 know, and whose memory we treasure: and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.
A Member of the Royal British Legion says:	"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".

"We will remember them" And all shall repeat: THE LAST POST is sounded Here follows THE SILENCE **REVEILLE** is sounded A Minister says: Almighty and eternal God from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day: fulfil in them the purpose of your love: and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: THE LORD'S PRAYER: 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 OFFICIAL WREATHS WILL BE PLACED ON THE WAR MEMORIAL

A respectful silence is requested during the laying of the wreaths, thank you.

Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Town Mayor of Witney **Royal British Legion Oxfordshire County Council** West Oxfordshire District Council **Royal Navy Royal Air Force Thames Valley Police** Unterhaching - Witney's Twin Town Le Touquet – Witney's Twin Town **Royal Naval Association Royal Air Force Association Royal Marines Commando Veterans Associations Canal Association Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service** Thames Valley Police Cadets Women's Land Army **Help For Heroes SSAFA**

The Ripple Centre West Witney Women's Institute ROAB (The Buffs) Oxfordshire Army Cadet Force Witney Air Training Corps **Boys Brigade Old Boys Girls Brigade** Henry Box School Wood Green School Witney Schools Partnership Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs **Rotary Club of Witney** Lions Club of Witney Witney Round Table Witney Quakers Witney Masons Witney Humanists Witney Chamber of Commerce St Johns' Ambulance South Central Ambulance

Please note: The service does not change from year to year, though the wreath laying information may differ from the order listed

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day

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O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

A Minister says:

BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord: and to us and all his 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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (1st Verse)

The Remembrance Service is organised by The Royal British Legion in conjunction with Witney Town Council.

Please join the Town Mayor for the Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Church Green, immediately following the Service of Remembrance.