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VE DAY



In commemoration of the
80th anniversary of VE Day



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**Corn
Exchange**
Witney



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**7:00 PM - A Service of Reflection and Commemoration
including the Lighting of the Lantern of Peace**

- 7:00 Introduction by the Mayor
- 7:02 Music and cadet march-on
- 7:08 An address from the Rector of St Mary's
- 7:11 An address from our humanist celebrant
- 7:14 WOAPA perform How Shall I Keep From Singing
- 7:17 Cllr Collins Reading from Round the Square
by Phyllis Ransom
- 7:20 WOAPA and all gathered I Vow To Thee My Country
- 7:23 Lighting of the Lantern with a two minute silence
- 7:26 Tribute by the Mayor of Witney
- 7:29 National Anthem

All service timings are approximate

8:00 PM - Open Mic Night at Market Square

Market Square
Witney, OX28 6AG



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I Vow To Thee My Country



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 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



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The Tribute

Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad, whose sacrifice enables us to all enjoy the peace we have today.

Let us remember those who came home, wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working and family lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women of other nationalities and faiths from Commonwealth and allied countries who fought, suffered and died during six years of war.

Let us remember those in reserved occupations and the brave people who kept us safe on the home front - the doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the fisherman who fished the seas, those who worked in the factories and the air-raid wardens, the police officers, fire service, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who played such a vital role in the war effort at home too.

God Save The King!

The National Anthem



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