

FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS



Armistice Day

11am
Thursday
11 November 2021



Introduction

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may together live in freedom, justice and peace.

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

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

Act of Commitment

The response to each of the questions is 'We will'.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

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.

And all repeat

We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

The Prayers - We Lay A Poppy

Read by local Schoolchildren

We lay a poppy
We lay a poppy

in remembrance, of service folk who left, never to return,
falling in battle, buried at sea, or some corner of a foreign field,
who gave what they had, and still do.
For those conflicts of our past, and present,
may the poppies grow, not just for their sake,
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy
We lay a poppy

in remembrance, of those left now only with memories,
of a telegram, a letter, of an image, a photograph, a story,
who gave what they had, and still do,
for the conflict that is not over.
As the poppies grow, may healing also, not just for their sake,
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy
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in remembrance, of the cost of conflict brings
to those without homes, whose men and womenfolk are taken,
where children become fighters, and family
and security are shattered,
broken so often there is little else to break,
for those who were taken before they could give, and still do
(for such are the ways of this world).
As the poppies grow, may hope also, not just for their sake,
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy
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in remembrance, of those whose lives are haunted by death:
the suffering all conflict brings, of destruction of all that is familiar,
all that once could be trusted,
of neighbours destroyed, of those who gave without a choice,
and still do, in a world that chooses conflict.
As the poppies grow, may reconciliation also, not just for their sake,
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy
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in remembrance, of war and blitz, of power-mongering and loyalty,
of soldier and civilian, of arms dealers and landmine victims,
those who gave, and still do for a war that is not over.
As the poppies grow, may peace also, not just for their sake,
but for ours too.

We lay a poppy
We lay a poppy

in remembrance, that is not just about the past, but the future,
knowing that the cost has been too great, and always will be.
Yet there waits a God, who holds the silence knowing
how great the cost is, more than anyone can.
For that silence is cross-shaped.
As the poppies grow, may love also that they never die,
not just for our sake,
but for the sake of generations to come.

Laying of Poppies

All present lay poppies around the War Memorial then return to their places.

The Peace Prayer

Lord, make us instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

This prayer (often attributed to St Francis) was written in 1915 by a chaplain in the French Army after his soldiers asked him for a prayer to take with them into the trenches.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Blessing

May 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

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