SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2026
CHEADLE WAR MEMORIAL

Words in bold type are said by all, normal type is said by leader, *italics for instructions*



Welcome and Introduction

(led by Revds George Crowder & Stan Tomalin, St Mary's Church)

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*

We meet in the presence of God to remember all those from this community who were caught up in the events of war and conflict.
We meet to 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.

The Act of Remembrance *(by a Veteran)*

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.**

The Last Post *(Flags are lowered)*



The Two-minute Silence

The Reveille *(Flags are raised)*

Prayer *(led by a member of Trinity Church)*

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial Prayer *The Jewish Memorial prayer is spoken in Hebrew by a leader of Yeshurun Synagogue. The translation of the Hebrew is below:*



Lord of the Universe; at this time of solemn reflection and remembrance we salute the courageous British and Allied soldiers who served and died in the cause of liberty, right and justice. Many were proud Jews who were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. God who is full of compassion who dwells on high grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of your divine presence in the exalted places among the holy and pure who shine as of the brightness of the firmament, to all who have bravely laid down their lives for King and country. We beseech you Lord of compassion, shelter them forever more under the cover of your wings together with the righteous who are always with you. And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. Amen

Laying of the Wreaths and Tributes



While the piper plays, representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope - flowers or crosses. Representatives will be announced and come up in the order of the Parade:

Deputy Lieutenant, Deputy Mayor, Veterans (including the Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen), RBL / RBLB, Civic leaders, RAFAC,
Army Cadets, Scouting, Girl-Guiding,
Local Schools, Local Churches, synagogue & mosque,
Community representatives – Police, social club, etc

Hymn

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Prayers *(Led by representatives of the local community)*

God who knows and loves each one of us, we pray for all who suffer
as a result of conflict and injustice, and we ask for peace.

(Led by MP Tom Morrison)
To service women and men, those whose lives are in danger, and those experiencing trauma…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by the RAFAC)
To all casualties of war and terror, those oppressed, and all who are displaced and living precariously, in need and fear…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by the Army Cadets)
To those who grieve for loved ones lost, or are separated from family and friends and anxious for their lives…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by 2nd Cheadle Scouts)
To the conflicts that rage today, and to those who dwell in the cities of destruction…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by Girl-Guides)
To all in positions of power and leadership, that they may choose the ways of reconciliation, healing and peace…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by The Kingsway School)
That there might be an end to the inequality and hatred that leads to acts of violence and terror…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us.**

(Led by St Chad's Church)
For a commitment from each and every person to live in peace, and seek the well-being of others and our damaged planet…
God, bring peace: **and may your love transform us...**

(Led by Revd Ian Chidlow, St Cuthbert's church)
O God of suffering love, we bring before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Hold all who are in pain and sorrow, and as we remember the past and weep over our broken world, lead us to seek truth and justice. Strengthen us to put our faith in your future, for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever, **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 th…
our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who tresp… 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 Act of Dedication *(Led by the Scouting & Girl-Guiding leaders)*

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.**

The Kohima Epitaph *(by a Veteran)*



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

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.

The Blessing *(Led by the Faith Ministers)*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you his peace this day and always. Amen.

The Returning Parade

Our thanks to all who have made today possible, especially our veterans.

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