# Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026

The Cenotaph
Hamilton Square, Birkenhead

*"Greater love hath no man than this,*
*that a man lay down his life for his friends."*
St. John 15, verse 13

**10.30 to 10.45**
The Poppy Band will play while local units of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserves (TAVR) and other organisations will take up their positions in front of the Cenotaph.

**10.50**
Members of the 234 (Wirral) Squadron RLC(V) and 107 (L & C) RE (V) will take up positions with arms reversed at each corner of the Cenotaph respectively.

The choir of the Priory Parish of Birkenhead and members of the Clergy will take their places.

**10.56**
The Civic Party will take up positions in front of the Cenotaph.

**10.57 - THE GATHERING**

***Revd. Paul Bentley, Vicar of Birkenhead Priory Parish, Rural Dean of Birkenhead***

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
*Micah 6.8*

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between 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.

**10.59 - ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**
The Last Post.

**11.00**
A Sound Signal will be given.

**11.02**
A Sound Signal will be given.
The Reveille will be sounded.
The Colours will be raised.

*David Waddington delivers the exhortation:*

***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 Respond: **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**.

*David Waddington will recite The Kohima Epitaph on behalf of the Burma Star Association and the Far East Veterans Association*

**When you go home tell them of us and say:**
**'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'**

***Revd. Debbie Wilkinson, Wirral Waters Mission Lead***

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**.

**HYMN (Tune 'St Anne')**

*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 defense 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 guide while troubles last,*
*and our eternal home!*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

***Revd. Sandra Fletcher, Curate, Birkenhead Priory Parish***

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
*John 14:27*

## PRAYING TOGETHER

***Revd. Greg Epton, Lead Pastor of Gateway Church Wirral***

Please join in the response **"GOD GIVE PEACE"**
Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace;

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, Each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

For those who love them in death as in life,
Offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
Remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured
by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

For peacemakers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious, asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

May God give peace. **GOD GIVE PEACE**.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
And grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
For you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **AMEN**.



ALL SAY
**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 that 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**.

**RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT**

***Major Jonathan Hamilton, Salvation Army Birkenhead***

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**.

ALL SAY

**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 BLESSING

***Revd. Paul Bentley***

God grant to the living grace,
To the departed rest,
To the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
And all people
Unity, peace and concord,
And to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain
with you always. **AMEN**.

**THE 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 LAYING OF WREATHS AND MARCH PAST

*(Accompanied by a lone piper playing traditional laments)*

The Mayor of Wirral, Councillor Mary Jordan and The Deputy Lieutenant, Sue Higginson OBE DL will place the first wreaths. They will be followed by representatives of Wirral Council, armed services, other organisations and relatives.

The Poppy Band will accompany the hymns. The choir of the Priory Parish of Birkenhead will lead the hymn singing.

Contingents of local units of the TAVR and other uniformed organisations will march past after the laying of the wreaths. It is requested that the assembly should not disperse until the conclusion of the march past.

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