

# **Holsworthy World War One 100 years To the Memory of the Fallen and the Future of the Living**

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all. *Galatians 6.9-10a*

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

O Lord, our maker and our strength, from whose love in Christ we can never be parted either by death or defeat: May our remembrance this day deepen our sorrow for the loss and wastes of war, make us more grateful to those who courageously gave their lives to defend this land and commonwealth; and may all who bear the scars and memories of conflicts, past and present, know your healing love for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

## **READING**

A reading from the Gospel of Saint John

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*John 15 12-17*

## **THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who died in the First World War.

### ***The Exhortation***

*Veteran of the Armed Forces*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

*Cadet or young person*

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All*     **We will remember them.**

SILENCE

*The beginning and completion of the two minute silence  
is signalled by the Last Post and Reveille.*

### ***The Kohima Epitaph***

*Veteran of the Armed Forces says*

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

## **BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL TREES**

As we have tried to empathise and imagine the fear, pain and loneliness of the wounded and the dying on the battlefield, as they fought to bring peace to the world, we ask God to bless these trees, planted in memory of the 39 local servicemen who died during the First World War, whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial, and the 40th tree for the future of the living.

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of the universe: you have made all things for your glory. Pour your + (sprinkle) blessing upon these trees and we ask for your help in bringing the fruits of your earth to full ripeness. In your great mercy, bless our good memories, comfort us when we grieve for the life that might have been, and strengthen us in all we do to seek the peace and freedom which you desire for the world.

All **Amen**

## **PRAYERS**

O Lord, our maker and our strength, from whose love we can never be parted  
either by death or life: Look in mercy on those for whom we pray this day,  
and grant us your protection and peace, that we may be saved in body and soul,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All As our saviour taught we are bold to pray.

**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 NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us;  
God save the Queen!**

## BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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,  
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**