



HARDEN, WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH, DENHOLME  
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 2020



Usually we are able to gather at 11am around the Village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. In this very unusual year we cannot gather together in one place, but we can still commemorate this day together.

At 11am on Sunday we encourage you to go to your gate, front door or window and mark the two minutes of silence. On Wednesday 11 November at 11am wherever you are please stop and be still for two minutes.

Here are some other ideas of things you might do this year to remember:

Watch the Act of Remembrance, if you are able, on our local Facebook Pages from 10.30am. You can follow the service on this sheet, or it can be used for your own private remembrance

We hope that as many of you as possible will create tributes in the windows of your homes and businesses. Get crafty with the scissors, glue, paint and paper. Make lanterns, tissue paper poppies, wreaths, potato prints or download the poppy to colour in on the British Legion website

<https://e-britishlegion.org.uk/1LKB-72QH4-V7VBMC-47YBUX-1/c.aspx>

There will be a Remembrance Sunday Service on Zoom led by our local churches at 11.15am on Sunday 8 November. The Zoom links is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89105329682?pwd=ZldVS1BrT1RQc05oc1ZJNE4xeHV1UT09>

Meeting ID: 891 0532 9682

Passcode: 664244

If you are not able to join zoom you can have a written order of service including prayers and a reflection from Richard:

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## Our Act of Remembrance

Welcome

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

### Poem: "The Reason Why"

#### **Younger person:**

Why do you still march, old man – with medals on your chest?  
Why do you still grieve old man – for those friends you laid to rest?  
Why do your eyes gleam old man – when you hear those bugles blow?  
Tell me why you cry old man – for those days long ago?

#### **Older person:**

I'll tell you why I march young man – with medals on my chest.  
I'll tell you why I grieve young man – for those I laid to rest.  
Through misty fields of gossamer silk – come visions of distant times.  
When boys of such a tender age marched forth to battle lines.

We buried them in a blanket shroud –  
Their young flesh scorched and blackened.  
In a communal grave, newly gouged – in blood-stained gorse and bracken.

And you ask me why I march young man – I march to remind you all.  
That but for those apple-blossom youths,  
You'd never have known freedom at all.

(Author unknown)

Our hope is not in vain because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose 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 for ever. Amen.

Let us remember before God and commend to His sure keeping those who have died for their country in war: those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure, those still living amongst us who have been disabled, those who fought and came through unhurt. And all who have lived and died in the service of mankind. We acknowledge our debt to God and to them all.

## Remembering

### **An older person says:-**

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

### **A younger person says:-**

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

### **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

**SILENCE**

Reveille

### **The Kohima Epitaph is said:**

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



## The Act of Commitment

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 Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, and to all people unity, peace and concord. May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please avoid gathering at the village war memorial around 11am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath, or place a poppy next to the cenotaph is invited to do so at their leisure between Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, observing social distancing.

Any photos of your own act of Remembrance or poppy pictures can be uploaded to social media using the hashtag #BradfordRemembers

Although Covid prevents us from gathering this year, we can still create a joint Act of Remembrance separately yet still together.

**Stay Safe**