Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10 November 2019

War Memorial, Wardle at 3pm

Wardle Academy Brass Band will lead the procession
Today the borough comes together to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the fallen and the service and sacrifices of our Armed Forces community. Our borough will always have a proud and lasting association with the Armed Forces. Thousands of men and women across local communities have, over the last 100 years, made the ultimate sacrifices, fighting to protect of values and liberty.

Today’s Armed Forces are doing an equally brave job, to protect our values, freedoms and liberty to keep our people safe.

War has evolved, and with it our Armed Forces evolve to overcome our nation’s enemies. Today our Armed Forces make sacrifices, just as they did 100 years ago.

In the North West we recruit 20% of our Armed Forces and 25% of the Infantry - this is something we can be proud of. On the flip side, it means that returning to the North West we have 25% of injuries. At national level we collect for the Poppy Appeal and at a local level we can be very proud of what we achieve. The Royal British Legion works closely with other Armed Forces Associations and Rochdale Borough Council to ensure no members of the Armed Forces or their families are disadvantaged as a result of service.

Let us remember that our Armed Forces make sacrifices every day

Lest We Forget

The Royal British Legion

[Image of a poppy and a globe]
Today is a poignant and reflective day, as we pay tribute to our Armed Forces and honour the service of thousands of men and women from across the borough. Without the selfless dedication and sacrifices of our Armed Forces, the freedoms, liberty and values we cherish so much, would have been lost to the scourge of evil. Countless generations owe them a great debt. We never forget.

Today is about paying homage to those fallen in all wars and thank them for the peace we have today. We also remember those who served in the British Empire and fought alongside Britain, giving their lives in the hope for a better future for us.

We take this time to remember all those affected by wars, the millions who have lost their lives and war veterans and their families. We remind ourselves that these sacrifices continue to take place today by our British Armed Forces and remember those who have fallen and continue to fall in other conflicts.

As Mayor, I am proud to be laying wreaths across the borough on behalf of all our communities. It’s a poignant and emotional day as we pause and remember, but let’s also look to a brighter future, free from war and conflict. We will always be reliant on the brave men and women who serve in the Armed Forces; it is thanks to their bravery that we enjoy the freedoms and liberty we all too often take for granted. That’s why today means so much, to so many. We will always remember them.

Councillor Billy Sheerin
Mayor of Rochdale
Hymn: O God, our help in ages past

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 defence 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.  

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
Theys fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.  

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.  

Bible Reading
St. John’s Gospel Chapter 15: 9-13

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 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. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”
You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

Address

Prayers

We join together in the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

Minister:

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; and all those who have lived and died in the service of humanity.
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.

Response:
We will remember them.

The Last Post

Two Minutes Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph
When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

Laying of Wreaths

Hymn:
The day thou gavest,
Lord, is ending

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church
unsleeping, While earth rolls onward
into light, Through all the world her
watch is keeping, And rests not now by
day or night.

As o’er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren ‘neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never
Like earth’s proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.
Minister:
May 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.
Amen

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.
Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour:
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws.
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.