

# **Kettering Remembrance Sunday Parade**

and

## **Service of Remembrance**

Sunday 12 November 2023

War Memorial  
Manor House Gardens  
Sheep Street  
Kettering

Parade Commander  
Mr David Lawrence

### **Order of Service**

Kettering Town Council  
Assisted by Kettering Branch Royal British Legion

Led by

The Rev'd David Walsh, Chaplain to Kettering Branch RBL  
The Rev'd Samuel Silungwe, Chair, Churches Together  
Dr Cllr Anup Pandey, Hindu Representative  
Giani Mangal Singh Khalsa, Sikh Representative

# GATHERING

In Silence

Clergy receives the Union Flag and Kettering Branch  
Royal British Legion Standard at the Drumhead

*Reverend David Walsh, Chaplain, Royal British Legion, Kettering*

We meet in the presence of God.  
We 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.

# REMEMBERING

*Mr Brian Taylor  
President Kettering RAFA and his daughter  
Mrs Geraldine Cullun*

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.**

**Last Post**

**2 Minute Silence**

**Reveille**

*Reverend David Walsh, Chaplain, Royal British Legion, Kettering*

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**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;**

**Beneath 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 our years away;  
they 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.**

# IN FIELDS OF POPPY

*Mayor of Kettering  
Cllr Emily Fedorowycz*

In fields of poppy, row by row,  
Where winds of memory softly blow,  
We stand in silence, hearts subdued,  
With thanks and quietude renewed.

They gave their tomorrows for today,  
In distant lands, they led the way.  
In trenches deep and skies of grey,  
For love and country, there they lay.

A minute's silence speaks in tone,  
For those we've lost but never known.  
In fading photos, tales retold,  
Their youthful smiles forever bold.

The bugle's call, a sombre sound,  
With haunting notes, the world around.  
Through petals red, we hear their plea,  
A lasting tribute to bravery.

Yet even now, war's shadow falls  
On distant lands, behind new walls.  
Let's not forget, in comfort's seat,  
That peace at home is no small feat.

For those who live in fear and strife,  
Conflict a constant part of life,  
Let's value not just peace we find,  
But seek it for all human kind.

So pin your poppy near your heart,  
Let its message not depart.  
It speaks of loss, of sacrifice,  
Of heavy costs and lofty price.

In silent stand, we make our vow,  
To seek for peace, the time is now.  
In memory and future cast,  
Let's build a peace that's meant to last.

# HINDU PRAYER

*Dr Cllr Anup Pandey*

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात्पूर्णमुदच्यते ।पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥

ॐ शांति शांति शांति

ॐ द्यौः शान्तिरन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः

पृथिवी शान्तिरापः शान्तिरोषधयः शान्तिः ।

वनस्पतयः शान्तिर्विश्वेदेवाः शान्तिर्ब्रह्म शान्तिः

सर्वं शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शान्तिरेधि ॥

ॐ शांति शांति शांति

ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः

सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।

सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु

मा कश्चिद्दुःखभागभवेत् ।

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Aum, the outer world is full of divine consciousness;  
This inner world is also full of divine consciousness;  
From the fullness of divine consciousness, the world is manifested.  
Taking fullness from fullness, fullness indeed remains.  
Aum peace, peace and peace  
Aum may peace radiate there in the whole sky and in the vast  
ethereal space everywhere.  
May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees  
and creepers. May peace flow over the whole universe.  
May peace be in the Supreme Being Brahman and may there  
always exist in all peace and peace alone.  
Aum peace, peace and peace  
Aum, may all be happy, may all be free from illness, may all see  
what is auspicious, and may no one suffer.  
Aum, peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!

## PRAYING TOGETHER

*Reverend Samuel Silungwe, Chair, Churches Together in Kettering*

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 peace-makers 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**

## SIKH PRAYER

*Giani Mangal Singh Khalsa*

One universal Creator God. The name is truth. Creative personified.  
No fear, no hatred, the image of the undying beyond birth, self existent.  
By Gurus' grace

Kabeer – the world is dying – dying to death.  
But no-one knows how to truly die.  
Whoever dies, let him die such a death, that he does not have to die again.

The battle drum beats in the sky of the mind.  
Aim is taken and the wound is inflicted  
The spiritual warriors enter the field of battle.  
Now is the time to fight!  
He alone is known as a spiritual hero, who fights in defence of innocents.  
He may be cut apart, piece by piece, but he never leaves the field of battle

*Reverend David Walsh, Chaplain, Royal British Legion, Kettering*

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.**

**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**

# RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

The Wreath Laying

Led by Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Vice Air Marshall Chris Luck CB MBE

Cllr Emily Fedorowycz Mayor of Kettering

Philip Hollobone MP President Kettering Branch Royal British Legion

All other wreath layers to follow

The Kohima Epitaph

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

During the following hymn the Union Flag and The Royal British Legion  
Standard are returned to their Bearers

## Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!**

**Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
And those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night  
And may their trust be in thy might.**

**Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Trinity of love and power!  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

*Reverend Angie Milne, Curate, SS Peter and Paul Church, Kettering*

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**

*Reverend David Walsh, Chaplain, Royal British Legion, Kettering*

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 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!

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

CONCLUDES