



ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023
at the Clock Tower, Priory Street, Dudley



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Officiated by The Reverend James Treasure

PSALMS 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you
are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.

POEM - IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Read by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Andrea Goddard

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Minister

Let us recall before God those who have given their lives in the cause of freedom and in the service of others, especially those known to us.

THE TRIBUTE

read by Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Executive, Dudley Council

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.

THE LAST POST

You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me; you
have anointed my head with oil and my
cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life, and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

THE TWO MINUTES SILENCE

REVEILLE

WREATH LAYING

Minister

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.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

read by Richard Boot OBE, Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for we remember them.

Minister

Let us look forward together with hope to new possibilities and new vision.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you his peace...and the blessing...

Amen.

Let us trust God who brings life out of death

and who calls us to love our enemies,

and seek the peace which God alone can give. **Amen.**