Order of Service
Sunday 8 November 2026
War Memorial, Central Avenue, 11 am

Led by Rev Richard Braddy, Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover

Welcomes
Jonathan Neame, Deputy Lord Lieutenant
Councillor Derek Carnell, The Worshipful Mayor of Swale
Representative of Kevin McKenna, MP
Civic Leaders and guests

Introductory Prayer
Minister

Father of all mercies:
grant that our remembrance this day
may be consecrated for practical service
and the world made better for our children's children
Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

The Exhortation given by Mr Jonathan Neame, Deputy Lord Lieutenant

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.
All We will remember them.

The Last Post

SILENCE at 11am

The completion of the silence is signalled by Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph given by the Mayor of Swale

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

Hymn
1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

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

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

Standard bearers stand to attention and lower flags

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All We will.
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All We will.
Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All 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 risen Redeemer.
All Amen

Standard bearers stand to attention and raise flags

The National Anthem

1. 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,

2. 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!

The Blessing
God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
the Church, the King, 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all and remain with you always.

All Amen

Wreaths will be laid at the Memorial (organised by the Wreath Marshal.)

Followed by music from the Salvation Army Band

There will now be a formal march-past the War Memorial by Veterans, Cadets, Scouting and Guiding Associations.

Once complete, representatives from the Royal British Legion Riders wish to show their respects at the War Memorial on their motorcycles; please ensure there is sufficient room for participants to view from a distance.