

Order of Service at Cenotaph

Central Avenue

Led by Pat Tatchell,

Reader in Benefice of Tunstall and

Bredgar

Welcomes

Richard Oldfield OBE, His Majesty's

Deputy Lieutenant of Kent

Councillor Karen Watson, Mayor of

Swale 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 the Mayor*

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

**The completion of the silence is
signalled by Reveille**

The Kohima Epitaph *given by the Mayor*

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

Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;

Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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 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!

The Blessing:

God grant to the living grace, to

the departed rest,

to 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. ***Amen***

Wreaths will be laid at the Memorial

During wreath laying, The Salvation Army will play.

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.

All are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and biscuits at Heather House, Central Avenue, after the event.

End of Service

