FAVERSHAM
TOWN COUNCIL

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November 2026

11am



"In respect of this Act of Remembrance, only official Parade Standards, the Royal British Legion's Standard and Union Flag in the Memorial Garden, will be permitted at the Remembrance Parade and Service"

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ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Fields of Poppies

Our red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. The Poppy is a well-known and well- established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support. But what is the inspiration and history behind the poppy becoming a symbol of Remembrance?

During WWI, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe and the countryside was blasted, bombed, and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands. In the Spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem “In Flanders’ Fields”.



In Flanders' Fields

a poem by Colonel John McCrae

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 Flander's fields.

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.



Words in ***bold italics*** are said by all
Words in normal type are said by the Chaplain

INTRODUCTION

We meet to remember before God and commend to His sure keeping those who have died in war, those who we knew and whose memories we treasure, those whose name and final resting place is known to God alone: all who have lived and died in the service of others.

We pray for those who have lived on with bodies permanently damaged or disabled, for those whose minds are clouded by the horrors that they have endured and for all, who even now, live in fear of violence.

We bring them to you, Lord God, in the faith that conquers every obstacle, in the hope that penetrates every darkness, in the love which softens every parting, and in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, who gave his life for others.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Exhortation - read by Lt Col (Retd) Ian Daniell

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them , nor the years condemn.
At the growing down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them
We will remember them.

The Last Post
The Silence
The Reveille
Wreath Laying

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

read by Lt Col (Retd) Ian Daniell

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

PRAYERS

For the Departed - Read on behalf of the Faversham Army Cadet Force

Almighty and eternal God, from those whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day, fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

For the Peace of the World - Read on behalf of the Faversham Army Cadet Force

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men and women, the true love of peace. Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, til the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For our King and those who Govern in His Name - Read on behalf of the Faversham Army Cadet Force

Lord of all, on this day especially we rejoice in the blessings of our country and the freedom which we enjoy.
We give you thanks and pray for Charles our King, for his family, and for those who govern in his name. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people. May all who have power remember that they are your servants, and that your son came to serve rather than to be served. We ask this in his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

For all Armed Forces of the Crown - read by Lt Col (Retd) Ian Daniell

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage an all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

THE LORDS 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.
Amen

ACT OF COMMITMENT

read by The Mayor of Faversham

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

(all say)
Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all people
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always
Amen

ENDING

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.
Amen



PARADE ROUTE OUT

Forbes Road: 10.30am to 10.50am
Briton Road: 10.30am to 10.50am
Roman Road 10.45am to 11.15am
Stone Street 10.45am to 11.15am
Bank Street 11.15am to 11.25am
Preston Street 11.15am to 11.25am
East Street 11.15am to 11.25am
Church Road 11.15am to 11.35am

PARADE ROUTE RETURN

Church Road: 12.30pm to 13.15pm
East Street: 12.30pm to 13.15pm
Market Place 12.30pm to 13.30pm
Court Street 12.30pm to 13.30pm



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Service Conducted by

The Reverend Simon Rowlands (CF) VR

Music

The 1242 (Faversham) Squadron Marching Band

Bugler

Veteran Bugler - Darren Riley 2LI



Faversham War Memorial Garden

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Faversham Branch Royal British Legion

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Membership

Our friendly membership team are here to help.
Call our helpline
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today or email
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Poppy Appeal



By volunteering with us you can help change the lives of people in the Armed Forces community. Interested in volunteering? Please visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer or email faversham.secretary@rbl.community

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