

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Service of Remembrance 09.50 14th November 2021
Charlton Kings in the County of Gloucestershire



BIDDING

(Led by Revd. Graham Bowkett CF - Vicar St. Mary's)

We have come together in the presence of God to offer unto Him our praise and thanksgiving; to remember before Him those of our brave fallen comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, or who were disabled in their devotion to duty and, while we remember those who mourn, and those who suffer on account of war, we pray that men and women of like mettle may never be lacking to serve their community, their Queen, and their country.

In Flanders Fields

Lt Col John McCrae (1872-1918)

(Read by Cllr Rob Williams Charlton Kings Parish Council)

*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.*

*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.*

LET US PRAY

O God of the Spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify your Holy Name for all those officers and men and women of this county of Gloucestershire, and of our country who served in our armed forces, and who fought a good fight and proved themselves faithful unto death. And we beseech you to grant that each succeeding generation in this place may be inspired by their example, and that they alike may find a place among your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

(Led by Revd. Adrian Beere - Curate St. Mary's)

O God our Father, you mean that all people should live together in harmony. Take from us all hatred, suspicion, fear and distrust, and draw us into close fellowship one with another. Show us how to use the freedom you have given us for the establishment of your Kingdom; and make us instruments of your peace in our homes, our neighbourhood, our Country and the World; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

(Led by Revd. Sue Woodley - Charlton Kings Baptist Church)

May your Blessing, O God, rest upon our land and our people; upon all the powers which you have ordained over us; upon Her Majesty our Queen and all who are set in authority under her, upon all who bear command by land, sea or air; upon the Ministers of State and upon those who have responsibility in local government; upon Judges and Magistrates – that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in godliness and honesty. And draw us all together in comradeship and friendship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The LORD'S PRAYER (*Led by Revd. Sue Woodley*)

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.

FOR THE FALLEN

(Major Matt Fellows Glos. ACF the Rifles)

They shall not grow 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

(Two minutes silence is kept)

(If present during the sounding of the Last Post all flags will be lowered. During the sounding of Reveille all flags will be hoisted.)

THE REVEILLE

WREATHS SHALL THEN BE LAID



KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

LET US PRAY (*Led by Revd. Adrian Beere*)

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 Lord. **AMEN.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, 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.**

