



At the War Memorial
Civic Service of Remembrance 11-11-2018 at 09.50
Charlton Kings in the County of Gloucestershire

BIDDING (*led by Revd. Graham Bowkett*)

Brethren, we are 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.

THE READING: An extract from “The Funeral Oration of Pericles” (*read by Cllr. Rob Williams, Chair of Charlton Kings Parish Council*)

Let your thoughts dwell day to day on your country’s true greatness and when you realise her grandeur, remember it is a heritage won for you by dauntless men who knew their duty and did it.

In the hour of trial, the one thing they feared was dishonour – they failed not their motherland but laid their gallant lives at her feet. In one great host did they give themselves to death; but each one, man by man, has won imperishable praise, each one has gained a glorious grave – not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined,

remembrance that will live on the lips, that will blossom in the deeds of their countrymen the world over.

For the whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes; monuments may rise and tablets be set up to them in their own land, but on the far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced; it is graven, not on stone or brass, but on the living heart of humanity.

Take these men for your example. Like them, remember that prosperity and true happiness can only be for the free and that freedom is sure possession of those alone who have courage to defend it.

LET US PRAY

O God of the Spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy 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 Thee to grant that each succeeding generation in this place may be inspired by their example and that they alike may find a place among Thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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 Sgt. Josh Lee RAFAC 125 Squadron)

May Thy Blessing, O God, rest upon our land and our people; upon all the powers which Thou has 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 brotherhood and friendship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer *(led by Revd. Sue Woodley, Charlton Kings Baptist Church)*

For the fallen *(Cllr. Peter Jarrett)*

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

The two minutes silence is kept

THE REVEILLE

(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 WREATHS SHALL THEN BE LAID

Kohima Epitaph (*Cllr. Peter Jarrett*)

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

LET US PRAY

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.**

All will sing the first verse of 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

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you always. **AMEN.**