

BLANDFORD FORUM REMEMBERS

Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying and Parade

Sunday 12th November 2023



Music kindly provided by The Blandford Stour Valley Band.

The Standards will march on at 3pm and the event will then follow:

Welcome

Mayor of Blandford Forum Town Council

Singing of Hymn - Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Laying of Wreaths

Led by Lt Col (Retd) RVJ Brannigan

(including the commemorative flagstone for Jack Counter VC, pictured)



Singing of Hymn - I Vow to Thee My Country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Exhortation

Read by Cllr Hugo Mieville, Mayor of Blandford Forum

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

Two-Minute Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Read by a Signaller from Blandford Garrison

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

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!

Parade and March Past

The Parade will march up Church Lane, into The Plocks, through The Tabernacle, then down Sheep Market Hill, and right into the Market Place.

Please remain in your position ready to greet them.

The Parade will then march up Salisbury Street, turn right into The Plocks and right again into Church Lane before entering the church.

Please note that some individuals and organisations may not feel able to participate in the full march route.

Blandford Forum Parish Church Service

Everyone is welcome to attend this poignant community service.

Alternatively, volunteers from SSAFA – the Armed Forces charity – are kindly providing refreshments for all in the Corn Exchange.



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