REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8TH NOVEMBER 2026



BLANDFORD FORUM

Music kindly provided by The Blandford Stour Valley Band,
with singing led by Rob Chalkley.

The Standards / Banners will be with their respective groups,
and the principal Standards will march on at 3pm.

All Standards brought to the order and stand at ease.

Welcome

Cllr Colin Stevens
Mayor of Blandford Forum

Prayers

The Revd Chris Beaumont, Mayor's Chaplain
Rector of Blandford Forum

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.

The Collect for Remembrance

Revd CJ Rogers,
Chaplain to 11th (RSS) Signal Regiment.

Almighty God, our most gracious heavenly Father, in Whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to Yourself, that by the power of Your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Laying of Wreaths

Led by Lt Col (Retd) RJ Taylor

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



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.

All Standards brought to attention and the carry.

The Homily

A short reflection to bring comfort, hope and reassurance in uncertain times.

Revd Chris Beaumont, Rector of Blandford Forum

The Exhortation

Read by Cllr Colin Stevens, 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



Standards dip



Two-minute silence

Reveille

Standards return to the carry.

The 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.

All Standards brought to the order and stand at ease.

The RBL Chaplain, Revd Emma Carmichael will lead the congregation in The Lord's 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen

Poem - 'The Longest Day' author unknown

Read by Terry Clarkson
Branch Chairman
Blandford & District Branch of the Royal British Legion

Hymn – Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.
Open thou the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.



All Standards brought to attention and the carry.

Standards dip on the first note.

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.

All Standards return to the carry.

The Blessing

Revd Chris Beaumont

Parade and March Past

Please remain in your position – keeping the roads clear – to greet the Parade, which will march up Church Lane, into The Plocks and The Tabernacle, down Sheep Market Hill, and through the Market Place for the march past the dais. Please note that some individuals / organisations may not feel able to participate in the full march route and may only join the parade for the march past the dais. The parade will continue up Salisbury Street, turning right into The Plocks and right again into Church Lane, where it will split, with the civic party continuing to the Corn Exchange, where everyone is welcome for refreshments served by SSAFA.

There is a paid bar at the Royal British Legion.

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