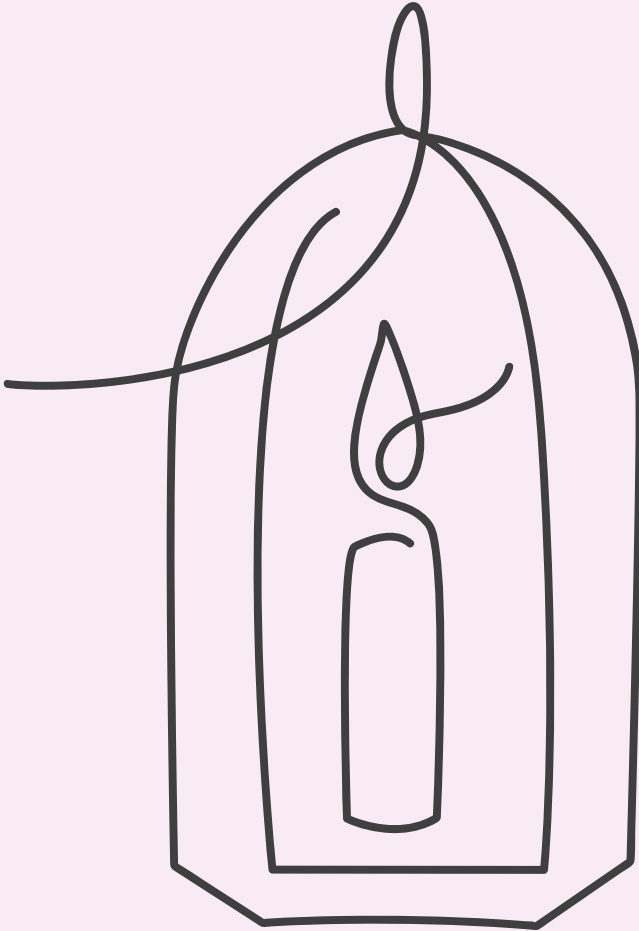


# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust theme for this year is '*Ordinary People*'.

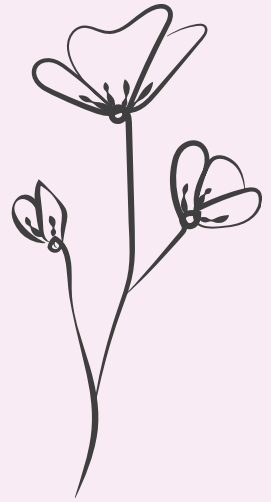


**FRIDAY 27 JANUARY - 10AM**

**WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN - BURGESS HILL**

**Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people.**

**Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe propaganda, join murderous regimes. And those who are persecuted, oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted because of crimes they've committed – they are persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who belong to a particular group (e.g., Roma, Jewish community, Tutsi).**



**Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses - and ordinary people were victims.**

**In every genocide, those targeted faced limited choices – 'choiceless choices' (Lawrence Langer) but in every genocide the perpetrators have choices, ordinary people have choices. Sometimes, these choices were limited too, sometimes they had to make life-threatening decisions. And ordinary people were the ones who made brave decisions to rescue, to hide or stand up. But ordinary people also made decisions to ignore what was going on around them, to be bystanders, to allow the genocide to continue.**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

A Welcome from Councillor Robert Eggleston, Leader  
of Burgess Hill Town Council

—  
***The Stockholm Declaration*** - Irene Balls, Amnesty  
International

—  
A Reading from Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber, from  
Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue

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***What happened on 17 April 1975?*** - read by a student  
from Burgess Hill Academy

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***What happened on 12 July 1995?*** - read by a student  
from Burgess Hill Girls

—  
Words and Prayers for Peace from Abdullah, Burgess  
Hill Mosque

—  
A Reading from Father David, from St John the  
Evangelist

—  
**LAYING OF STONES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL**  
by attending pupils from Burgess Hill Academy and  
Burgess Hill Girls

—  
*To conclude the service, we will all say together in unison the  
following quotation from Yehuda Bauer:*

**“Thou shalt not be a victim, thou shalt not be a perpetrator, but,  
above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.”**

**There are also extraordinary people in every genocide, remarkable and unusual people, who went to extreme lengths to help, to rescue, to save, and in every genocide there were extraordinary people, who went to extreme depths to cause harm, to persecute, to murder.**



**The theme this year for Holocaust Memorial Day highlights the ordinary people who let genocide happen, the ordinary people who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted.**



**Our theme will also prompt us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today.**

