2. **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.

3. **Nor on this land alone,**
but be God's mercies known
from shore to shore:
Lord, make the nations see
that men should brothers be,
and form one family
the wide world o'er.

THE BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
and may almighty God bless you:
✠ the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

The Standards will depart as the band plays a slow march.
The Union Flag leads us
followed by the Dignitaries and then the Ministers.
Please allow the Standards and those in the procession to leave the Church first.

After the service, all are warmly welcome to join the Royal British Legion
for refreshments at the Burgess Hill Constitutional Club in Cyprus Road.

A Service of Remembrance

at

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Parish Church of Burgess Hill

with

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – BURGESS HILL BRANCH
BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL
MID SUSSEX BRASS BAND

Please take your places quietly, while the Band is playing,
to prepare for the service; then stand as the first hymn is played.
During this hymn, the procession of the drums down the central aisle
culminate in the preparation of the Drumhead Altar.
The Standards and the Book of Remembrance are also presented.

HYMN

1. **O valiant hearts who to your glory came**
   through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
   tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
   your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

2. **Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war**
   as who had heard God's message from afar;
   all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
   to save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.

3. **Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;**
   into the light that nevermore shall fade;
   deep your contentment in that blest abode,
   who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

4. **Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,**
   rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
   while in the frailty of our human clay,
   Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

5. **Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,**
   like some bright star above the dark abyss;
   still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
   look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

6. **These were His servants, in His steps they trod,**
   following through death the martyred Son of God:
   Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
   they who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

3. **Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,**
   and all is darkened in the veil of tears,
   then shall you better know His love, His heart,
   who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
   be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
   from His own fullness all He takes away.

4. **Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on**
   when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
   when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
   sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
   be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
   all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Priest: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women, that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All: **Lord God our Father,**
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name. Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. **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.

4. **Drop thy still dews of quietness,**
   till all our strivings cease;
   take from our souls the strain and stress,
   and let our ordered lives confess
   the beauty of thy peace.

5. **Breathe through the heats of our desire**
   thy coolness and thy balm;
   let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
   speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
   O still small voce of calm!

Please sit

THE ADDRESS

During the following hymn, the Drumhead Altar will be dismantled and the Standards returned to their bearers. Please stand.

HYMN

1. **Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;**
   bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
   leave to your God to order and provide;
   in ev'ry change, he faithful will remain.
   be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n-ly friend,
   through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

2. **Be still, my soul: your God will undertake**
   to guide the future as he has the past.
   your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
   all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
   be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
   His voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

7. **O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,**
   whose cross has bought them and Whose staff has led,
   in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
   commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

BIDDING AND PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Priest: We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way. As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others.

We pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; and first we ask forgiveness for our many failings in Christian discipleship that we, and all God's people, may be renewed in service and watchfulness for the coming of the Kingdom of righteousness and peace.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned**
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Priest: Almighty God, have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

THE READINGS

Please sit.

The Bible lessons are read by students from our local schools.

All: **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.

Please stand.

During this hymn, a collection will be taken. The proceeds will be divided between St John's Parish Church and the RBL Poppy Appeal.

HYMN

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Read by a member of the Armed Services:

Lord God, on this day of remembering
we pray for those who work in places
where there is war and violence;
for our armed forces who must act as peace keepers;
for aid workers and agencies providing food and shelter;
for doctors, nurses and paramedics who care for the sick,
the wounded and the dying.

Guard and defend them and keep them in safety.
Bless their work in bringing relief, healing,
reconciliation, and peace.
We pray for the Royal British Legion.
Bless its work of help and support
for those who have served their country so well.

Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Read by a member of the Cadet Corps:

Lord God, on this day of remembering we thank you for all the
brave men and women who gave their lives
that we might live in freedom and safety today.

Help us to honour them by committing ourselves to preserve
the peace and freedom which they won at such great cost. As we
recall their sacrifice, we pray that you will hold them in your love
and give them a share in the eternal peace of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Let us gather up our prayers as we pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

First Reading *(Hebrews 9. 24 – 28)*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Here ends the first Lesson.

HYMN

1. 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 these dark Satanic Mills?

2. 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.

Please sit.

Second Reading: *(St Matthew 4. 12 – 23)*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles –
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Here ends the second Lesson.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Please sit or kneel.

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in the faith of Jesus Christ
let us pray to God our Heavenly Father.

Read by the Mayor of Burgess Hill:

Lord God, on this day of remembering,
we pray for the peace of your world.
We remember all people who are suffering today
because their countries are at war
or because of the threat of terrorism,
that they may find peace and security.
We pray for those who commit these acts of violence,
that your light may shine into their darkness
and lead them away from violence to live in peace.

Lord, in your mercy.
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Read by a member of the Royal British Legion:

Lord God, on this day of remembering,
we pray for political leaders.
Give them wisdom and courage.
Guide them so that they may find ways to settle differences
by negotiation and diplomacy rather than by threats
and the violence of war.
Help people of differing religious and political beliefs
of different races and cultures, to see the good in one another
and to be more tolerant.
Help us to be peacemakers, that we may be called your sons and daughters.

Lord, in your mercy.
All: **Hear our prayer.**