Castle Bromwich Parish Council

Remembrance Service 2024

Conducted by Revd Fiona Harrison-Smith
Rector of St Mary & St Margaret's and
Vicar of St Clément's of Alexandria Castle Bromwich

attended by

The Chair of the Parish Council
Councillor Pauline Allen

Officers and Members of the Royal British Legion,

accompanied by

Councillors and Officers of
Castle Bromwich Parish Council
and Youth Council

Representatives of Service, Ex-Service,

Voluntary, Youth and Local Organisations.

Please note that limited seating may be available but this is provided for those who are unable to stand. Please allow disabled visitors to move to the front.

Order of the Parade

Veterans
Royal British Legion
Military Cadets
Emergency Services
Parish Councillors
SMBC Councillors
Scout Association
Guide Association
Local Schools

After the Parade arrives and positions are taken, the Parade Marshal will salute the Clergy as the signal for the service to commence
(approximately 10.40 am)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Clergy: We are gathered here to remember those who have died as a result of human conflict, and particularly those who fell in the two World Wars. Our remembrance will be in prayer and silence and symbolised in the laying of our wreaths.

Let us now in prayer recollect God's presence who, in Lord Jesus Christ, has restored all things and will bring human loss and failure to perfection for he is Lord of All and King of All.

Let us pray,

Almighty and Eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all with them to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

Cllr P ALLEN
In Flanders' Fields by Colonel John McCrae.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up the quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep; though Poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

HYMN: William Blake (1757-1827)
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.

Clergy: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those who we knew,
and those whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and
died in the service of mankind.

ALL: **Amen.**

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.

Revd Fiona Harrison-Smith will read the names from the memorial of those to be remembered.

In memory of those who have fallen in conflicts since 1945

Joseph Murphy

The Great War 1914-1918

Samuel Andrews
Harry Betts
Eric Birch
Richard Bridgeman
George Brotherton
Richard Bullows
John Churchill
Frank Crofts
Arthur Eden
Frank Eden
Frank Evans
Arthur Hancox
John Harvey
Arthur Hemmings
George Holtham
Benjamin Harris
Edward Irons
Fred Irons
George Irons
William Leake
William Morgan
George Neville
Sam Ravenhall
Herbert Rhodes
John Rowley
Henry Rudd
Herbert Rushton
Sidney Smith
Charles Stone
Henry Watlington
Albert Watton
John Woolley
Frederick Wyatt

The World War 1939 - 1945

Walter Adams
Oliver Baker
T. Collins
Alan Cooke
James Cook
Geoffrey Cox
Richard Crawford
Derek Davis
Eric Davis
Reginald Dawes
Maurice Dunn
Frederick Forbes
Gordon Gostling
Eric Hall
Bernard Johnson
Edward Jones
Aubrey McHenry
Alfred Milner
Glyndwr Palmer
Trevor Sale
John Savage
John Snowball
Neville Stocker
Lennie Thomas
Ralph Thompson
A. Tonks
Bernard Walker
John Winkley
Bill Winning
Gerald Winning
Frederick Wynn
Mary Green

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

The Chair of the Parish Council
Officers of the Royal British Legion
The Services
Solihull Borough Councillors
Emergency Services
Other Dignitaries

Clergy will invite those on Parade to fall out to make their own act of remembrance, before the public and local organisations are invited to lay wreaths or crosses.

If time allows the personal tributes will be laid before the silence.

One-Way System operates at the Memorial.
[Please make your way to the entrance on the left-hand side (as facing the Memorial), lay your wreath or cross and exit on the right-hand side. Please follow the instructions of the ushers and take care on the grass.]

LEGION: **Cllr J Macdonald**
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.**
BUGLER: The Last Post.

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

BUGLER: Reveille.

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

If not done prior to the Two Minutes Silence the **Clergy** will invite members of the public to lay their wreaths or crosses at this point in the service.

HYMN: Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walked on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

READING: POEMS: read by members of Castle Bromwich Junior School

Youth Cllr A. Stokes – Spoken lyrics from I will Never Walk Alone.

You'll Never Walk Alone
When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark

At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
For your dreams be tossed and blown

Walk on with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone

Cllr P Allen **A reading from Johns Gospel, Chapter 15**

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants,

because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Clergy: The Act of Commitment is made

Clergy: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that makes for

ALL **We will.**

Clergy: Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

ALL **We will.**

Clergy: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

ALL **We will.**

Clergy: 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 risen redeemer.

ALL **Amen**

Clergy: **A blessing is given**

ALL: **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

Clergy:
Now the Service has ended could all members of the public return to the pavements and clear the roads for the Parade to leave.

A march past and salute will take place at the Village Green before the Parade returns to the starting place and is dismissed.

SAFETY INFORMATION

NO TRAFFIC TO MOVE
until after the Parade has been dismissed.
Roads will not be fully open until it is safe to do so.

Thanks are expressed to all those members and past members of the community who have volunteered their time or services to enable this event to take place.

Special thanks go to the following:

all voluntary safety marshals,
Sarah from Manor Park Brides for war memorial poppy display,
Castle Bromwich Singers for providing choir,
Hickory's Smokehouse for allowing use of their car park,
and providing refreshments to the public
and to those people who helped plan and prepare for this service.

Local residents, Castle Bromwich ladies club, Arden coffee club and past residents for their help with first cascade of knitted poppies to be draped from Arden Hall.

This year we have added the preferred/first names of the fallen into our programme. Special thanks go to Terrie Knibb, Alan Fewtrell and Leslie Kaye for their assistance in researching. If you have anything to add or update then please contact the Council Office.

THE POPPY EMBLEM
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Flanders Poppy was first described as the 'Flower of Remembrance' by Colonel John McCrae, who before the First World War was a well-known Professor of Medicine at McGill University, in Montreal.

At the second battle of Ypres in 1915, when in charge of a small first-aid post and during a lull in the action, he wrote, in pencil, on a page torn from his dispatch book, the following verses:

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Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

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In Flanders' fields.

The verses were sent anonymously to 'Punch' magazine, and published under the title 'In Flanders fields'.

In May 1918 Colonel McCrae was brought as a stretcher case to one of the big hospitals on the channel coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony of his room to look over the sea towards the cliffs of Dover. The verses were obviously in his mind, for he told the doctor who was in charge of his case:

'Tell them this
If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep'.

The same night Colonel McCrae died. He was interred in a beautiful cemetery on rising ground above Wimereux, from where the cliffs of Dover are easily visible on sunny days.

The First World War finally came to an end in November 1918, when an Armistice was declared, so that peace-terms could be arranged. At 11a.m. on November 11th, exactly 100 years ago today, the last shot of the War was fired.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

- Are you passionate about your community?
- Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?
- Do you have innovative ideas for the council?
- Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

If this is you, then we need you at Castle Bromwich Parish Council. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. **Make a change and become a councillor.**

What do local councils and councillors do?

Parish councils and councillors make a massive difference to local people's quality of life.They are the first tier of governance and are the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a community issue. They are also passionate about their communities and seek to make a change to help improve their residents' lives.

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many of them you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. These include setting up community groups, organising facilities for sports, recreation, and social events, making decisions on local planning applications, looking at traffic schemes to address congestion, parking, speeding, etc., establishing youth projects, and managing open spaces.

Councillors are elected to represent the local community, so you must either live or work in the council area. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and talking to the community about their needs and what the council is doing.

How to become a councillor

A Parish Council can only be as helpful, connected and energetic as the people elected to run them, so we need councillors capable, enthusiastic and engaged to reflect their communities. **We have vacancies right now**.

For more information, contact Castle Bromwich Parish Council **0121 747 6503** or **counciloffice@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk** or go onto YouTube to see the #makeachange video

A huge thank you to local businesses and residents sponsoring a Lamp Post Poppy

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£8.50 – £13.50



December 7
7:00 pm - 11:15 pm

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7:00 pm

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