

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9 November 2025

**Victory Square
War Memorial**



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**10.54 am Service of Remembrance begins
(Canon Paul Douthwaite)**

10.55 am HYMN - THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie,
In pastures green he leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make,
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou has furnished,
In presence of my foes,
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for ever more,
My dwelling place shall be.

Order of Wreath Laying

The Deputy Lieutenant and the Ceremonial Mayor of the Council will place their wreaths centrally upon the War Memorial.

Wreaths will then be laid in the following order:

Group 1 - Civic VIPs	Group 2 - Representatives of Regular & Reserve Forces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Sheriff • MP for Hartlepool • Chief Executive • Leader of the Council • Armed Forces Champion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Navy Representative/Royal Naval Association • 5th Regiment Royal Artillery • 93 Battery 5RA • 8 Rifles • Royal Air Force • 71 Engineer Regiment • 150 Transport Regt RLC
Group 3 - Ex-Service Associations	Group 4 - Uniformed & Voluntary Public Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coldstream Guards Association • Royal Artillery Association • Royal Engineers Association • Royal Signals Association • Green Howards Association • Durham Light Infantry Association • Parachute Regiment Association • Royal Corps of Transport/Royal Service Corps Association • Royal Air Force Association • Royal British Legion • SSAFA • Hartlepool Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Fire Officer • Senior Police Officer • North East Ambulance Service • North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust • RNLI • Red Cross Association • St Johns Ambulance Brigade • Salvation Army • Merchant Navy • Hartlepool Freemasons • Hartlepool Ambulance Charity
Group 5 - Cadet Forces & Youth Associations	Group 6 – Local Organisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Cadets • Marine Cadet Detachment • Army Cadets • 473 RAF Cadets • Girl Guiding • Tees Valley Scouts • Catcote Futures • Youth Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice House Hospice • Eights & Aces Veterans Motorcycle Club's • Elwick Grange Care Home • GMB Union T-25 Branch • Hartlepool Borough Councillors • Hartlepool Conservative Association • Hartlepool Constituency Labour Party • Hartlepool Labour Group • Hartlepool Lions Club • Hartlepool Round Table • Hartlepool Trades Union Council • Hartlepool Funeral Directors • The Rotary Club of Hartlepool • High Tunstall College of Science • History of Hartlepool • Putting Seaton First • Radio Hartlepool • Reform UK • Representatives of the Churches & Religious Denominations • Unison Hartlepool LG
Group 7 – Public	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public will then be invited to lay their wreaths 	

Chaplain PRAYERS**Chaplain THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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 them
that 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

Chaplain THE BLESSING**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.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: (Chaplain)

Let us remember the kindness of God, and his
favour to us in our time of need.

Let us remember the courage, devotion to duty, and
the self-sacrifice of the men and women in our
armed forces; the toil, endurance and suffering of
those who were not in uniform; the support of those
who sent us help from afar, or who came and stood
by our side.

Let us remember those who were wounded in the
fight; those who perished in air-raids at home; those
who fell in battle, and are buried at sea or in some
corner of a foreign field; and especially those whom
we have known and loved whose place is for ever in
our hearts.

Let us remember those who were our enemies,
whose homes and hearts are as bereft as ours,
whose dead lie also in a living tomb of everlasting
remembrance.

Let us remember those who came back; those
whose lives still bear the scars of war; those who
lost sight or limbs or reason; those who lost faith in
God and hope for humanity.

Let us remember the continuing grace of God,
whose love holds all souls in life and to whom none
is dead, but all are alive for ever.

Lest this world forgets, we will remember.

10.58 am THE EXHORTATION: (Ralph Graham)

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.**

10.59 am "THE LAST POST"**11.00 am TWO MINUTES' SILENCE COMMENCE****11.02 am "REVEILLE"****11.03 am THE KOHIMA EPITAPH: (Ralph Graham)**

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

11.04 am Chaplain

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life, receive our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day. Fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and brings us all, with them, to your eternal joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

In memory of those who died, may we be better people; and in gratitude to God, may we live as those who are not their own, but who are bought with a price.

Amen

11.05 am LAYING OF WREATHS

(During the following hymn)

HYMN: O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home.
Amen