



Bicester Town **Act of Remembrance** **2025**

Words in bold are said by all.

Words in normal are said by the reader.

Act of Remembrance

10:58 am (This takes about 15 seconds)

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.
We will remember them.

10:58,30Sec ***Last Post (1:30 minute)***
11:00am ***Two min silence***
11:02am ***Reveille (1 minute)***
11:03am ***Parade Stands at Ease (RSM)***
11:03am ***Wreath Laying***
11:15am ***Service Starts (Padre)***

Introduction – Padre

We meet in the presence of God.
Committing ourselves to work for reconciliation between the nations, so that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice, and peace.

Bible Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason.

They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

Love fulfils the Law

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

Remembrance Thought – Padre

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that, meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Field Service Book of the British Army

Act of Commitment – Read by the Padre

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

The Commitment Challenge

Will you strive for all that makes peace?

We Will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We Will.

Will you work towards a just future for all humanity?

We Will.

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.**

Kohima Epitaph

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

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and
concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**