

Harewood
Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Sunday 8 November 2026

Ceremony starts at 10:50 at the War Memorial, Harrogate Road, Harewood

Two minutes' silence at 11:00 followed by laying of the wreath.



The Act of Remembrance

Cllr Kate Hill

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent on the Western Front, marking the end of the First World War. Our nation and commonwealth has recalled that moment through our Armistice and Remembrance events down the decades; decades during which the men and women of our armed services have continued to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

Cllr Kate Hill and ALL PRESENT: please recite

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 our 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.

John McCrae (1915)

More recently, a 14yr old schoolboy was given an hour to write a poem for Remembrance Day 2019.

Mr Kevin Sedman and ALL PRESENT: please recite

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
They walk toward the light milord
They walk towards the sun
They smoke and laugh and smile together
No foes to outrun
These men live on forever
In the hearts of those they saved
A nation truly grateful
For the path of peace they paved
They march as friends and comrades
But they do not march for war
Step closer to salvation
A tranquil steady corps
The meadows lit with golden beams
A beacon for the brave
The emerald grass untrampled
A reward for what they gave
They dream of those they left behind
And know they dream of them
Forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer (2019)

We meet here today to commemorate and give thanks to those men and women of Harewood, and all those known to us who have given their lives in the service of our country.

Cllr Doug Masterton

Let us remember those who have died for their country in war or have been the victims of conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind. Mr John Newby will read the names of members of our community. I also invite everyone present today to speak the name of anyone who you would like especially to remember:

Mr John Newby will read out the names of the Harewood fallen followed by contributions from those present.

ALL PRESENT: please recite:

The Ode

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.

*Laurence Binyon (1914***)**

11:00 The Silence (2 minutes)

Followed by the laying of the wreath

Cllr Masterton

Cllr Bob Hill (Major RE retired) and Mr Kevin Sedman Clerk to Harewood Parish Council, will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council in memory of the fallen. Anyone wishing to lay a poppy, a commemorative cross or wreath please do so after they have placed the wreath.

ALL PRESENT: please recite**:**

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

Kohima Epitaph (1944)

As we depart let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men, that we may be peacemakers in our homes, in our community, in our country and in our world. Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us always faithful to the memory and cause of those who have died.

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