



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 1918-2018

St. Mary and St. Peter's Church, Pett

Sunday 11th November 2018 10.40am

**"Come unto me all that travail and are heavy-laden and I will refresh you."
Matthew 11:28**

Please note:

The first part of the service will be held in the churchyard by the war memorial. Those who do not wish to stand may sit inside the church. The service will be relayed by loudspeaker. The congregation will move inside the church for the second part of the service (see P.4).

The Royal British Legion Standard bearer, Richard Boulter Wilson, was selected to parade the Standard at the Royal Albert Hall late last evening and so will be unable to be present at this service today. There are two laid-up Royal British Legion Standards presented high above the Memorial Roll of Honour within the church.

The wooden crosses (one for each man killed), will be distributed to members of the congregation as they assemble for the service and they will lay them by the war memorial just before the congregation moves inside the church for the second part of the service.

It is customary in the Royal Navy to stand to attention during the first verse of the hymn Eternal Father and so the offertory collection will start during the singing of the second verse.

The offertory collection will be given to the Royal British Legion.

Refreshments will be served in the Methodist Chapel after the service. All are welcome.

Opening and Welcome

Rector

Prayer: Jesus taught us that we are members of one another and that we can never live for ourselves alone. This Memorial reminds us of precious lives cut short. We remember those whom we shall never know but whose lives are linked with ours and whose shared ground we stand upon and whose common air we breathe. We are grateful for the sacrifice of each one who served. May they rest in peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen*

The Pett Memorial

District Councillor Chris Saint JP

Reflections on the Pett War Memorial.

The Dedication of the Memorial

Rector

We dedicate this Memorial to the memory of the 34 men from Pett who died in the conflict of the two World Wars. May this Memorial be a witness to lives given and a reminder to us and to future generations always to work for peace and unity. May we build upon the sacrifice of those we honour today, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *All: Amen*

The Poppies

Pett Women's Institute

Poppies are a reminder to us of those from all nations who died in conflict. In both World Wars many wives and families were bereaved. Many servicemen and civilians were injured and maimed.

In preparation for this centenary of the end of the First World War, Pett Women's Institute and the wider community have been engaged in yarn bombing and have created over 10,000 poppies, representing a small proportion of the number of United Kingdom and Commonwealth and Irish servicemen who died in the First World War and also the 2 million German servicemen. In that war in total 9.7 million servicemen were killed.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
(poem by Lt.Col John McCrae)

Heather Godwin, President of Pett Women's Institute

Names of the Fallen

Alexander Hawksley

Today we honour the 63 men from Pett and Fairlight who served and died in both World Wars.

Exhortation

Eric Hollingsworth, JP, Branch President, Royal British Legion

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.

LAST POST

Leo Avery and Mary Keast-Butler

Two minute silence

REVEILLE

Kohima Epitaph

John Pulfer BEM, JP, Branch Chairman, Royal British Legion

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

Presentation of Wreaths

On behalf of Rother District Council, Pett Parish Council, Fairlight Parish Council, East Sussex County Council, Royal British Legion, Pett Women's Institute, Pett Methodist Church.

Prayer

Rector

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

National Anthem

Laying of Wooden Crosses

The congregation will now move quietly inside the church building for the remainder of the service.

Psalm 46.1

Rector

God is our refuge and strength
A very present help in trouble

Psalm 121. 1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills-
From where will my help come?
Who made heaven and earth

Lamentations 3.21-23 ;

This I call to mind,
And therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning.

Hymn

All

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| 1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home; | 4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun. |
| 2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure. | 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day. |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same. | 6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our God while troubles last,
and our eternal home. |

Gospel Reading

David Breakell

Matthew 5, 1-12

Prayers

Pett Methodist Church

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace :
for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God:

May God give peace

All: God, give peace

For those who love them in death as in life,

Offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss:

May God give peace

All: God, give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace

All: God give peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to
mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;

May God give peace

All: God give peace

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

All: God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,

And those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,

And grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;

For you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

All

VIDEO: HYMN TO PEACE

Offertory Hymn: Collection will start after Verse 1

All

1. Eternal Father, strong to save

Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who biddst the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood

Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard

And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amidst its rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

4.O Trinity of love and power,

Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessing and Dismissal

Rector

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,

To the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people

Unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

be with you all and remain with you always.

All: Amen