Service of Remembrance in St. Gregory’s Church

Led by Pupils from St. Gregory’s School Marnhull

**Introduction**

*Greg: Welcome to our Service of Remembrance in which we commemorate all those who gave their lives in War. [PAUSE]*

*Today, we begin our service with the bell being tolled 11 times.*

*This will remind us of the Armistice signed on 11th November 1918*

*which signalled the end of the Great War and promised us peace.*

**The Tolling of the Bell**

**Hymn**

*Jayden: We start our service by singing Hymn Number 50*

*When a Knight Won his Spurs in the Stories of Old*

*[PAUSE]*

*Please Stand for Hymn No. 50*

*[In the third verse: Alice, Jake and Sam move into position for the readings].*

**Reading**

*Mackenzie: The Reading is taken from the Gospel according to Saint John*

*Chapter 15 verse 13:*

‘Greater love hath no-one more than this:

to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Roll of Honour**

*Emma:*

Let us remember before God

and commend to his sure keeping

those who have died for their country in war;

those whom they knew

and whose memory we treasure

and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

*Judah:*

*Names of the Fallen in the First World War*

*Names of those who lost their lives in the Second World War*

*Names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Other Conflicts*

*Their Names Liveth Evermore*

**The Exhortation**

*Archie:*

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**.

**The Last Post**

*Diane*

**The Silence**

*Mrs Field to time the 2 minutes and signal to our cornet player at the end for:*

**The Reveille**

*Diane*

**The Kohima Epitaph**

*Callum:*

When you go home tell them of us and say:

For your tomorrow we gave our today.

**The Laying of the Wreath**

*Miss Edwards takes the wreath up to the altar and places it against the frontal.*

**The Collect for those who died in the First and Second World Wars**

*Harley:*

Almighty and eternal God

from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:

Hear our prayers and thanksgivings

for all who we remember this day;

fulfil in them the purpose of your love;

and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The Collect for those who died in recent Wars**

*Aimee:*

O God of truth and justice;

we hold before you those men and women

who have died in active service:

in Iraq, in Afghanistan and in other places of conflict.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory.

May we put our faith in your future,

for you are the source of our life and our hope.

Now and for ever.

**Amen**

*Saffron: We say together in the words that our Saviour taught us:*

**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 for give 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.**

*Oliver: Please stand to sing the National Anthem*

**The National Anthem**

God save our gracious Queen

long live our noble Queen

God save the Queen.

Send her victorious

happy and glorious

long to reign over us:

God save the Queen.

**The Grace**

*Oliver: We conclude our service by saying together The Grace*

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**and the Love of God**

**and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit**

**Be with us all, now, and for evermore.**

**Amen**

**The Blessing**

*\*\*\*****The Royal British Legion Chaplain****:*

*May God the Holy Trinity give you grace to follow the Saints*

*And make you strong in Faith and Hope and Love*

*Defend you on every side*

*And guide you in Truth and Peace:*

*and the Blessing of God Almighty*

*The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*

*Be among you and all those whom you love*

*Now and always.*

**Amen**

*Mikey: Thank you for sharing with us this service of Remembrance.*

*There will be a Collection Plate at the back if you would like to make a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion.*

*\*\*\*We thank The Reverend Mike Ficke for being with us today. He will be leading an outdoor Service of Remembrance in front of the War Memorial on Friday, starting at 10.50. You are invited to join some of us, who will be representing the school, at that time.*

*[Yr6 remain at front]*

*Mrs Field:*

*Vote of Thanks toYr6. Invitation to meet and congratulate them over coffee immediately after the service.*

*[Yr6 lead out one at a time and wait either side of the main doors to shake hands with people as they leave. Orange Juice and Jaffa cakes once the School have gone].*