

Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2025 I I am

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*All are invited to join in saying the words printed in **bold type**.*

By 10.50am, the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor of Bradford, representatives of the Royal British Legion, the Civic Party, and other organisations will arrive at the cenotaph. The City of Bradford Brass Band will play until 10.55am.

The Gathering

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford.

We gather in the heart of our city to remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict, and to honour all who have served in the cause of peace.

Today, we recall with gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who lived through the struggles of the past, and we recommit ourselves to the work of justice, reconciliation, and peace for all peoples.

We also give thanks for the recent refurbishment of the memorial stones in Norfolk Gardens and in the Bradford Pals Memorial Garden. This work, superbly arranged by Sue Smith, ensures that these memorials will remain in good condition for many years to come, continuing to bear witness to the lives and sacrifice of those commemorated.

We do so as citizens of Bradford, a city shaped by resilience, diversity, and hope. In our silence, in our prayers, and in our presence here together, we remember and resolve: never again.

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Welcome

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford.

A short introduction and instructions are given, followed by,

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46.1

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

John 14.27

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

Representative of the 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.

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), For The Fallen

We will remember them.

Last Post is played.

Two minutes of silence is held.

Reveille is played.

Representative of the Royal British Legion

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

John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958), Kohima Epitaph

The Dean gives thanks and recognises the work of those who have carefully refurbished the memorials.

The Laying of Wreaths

As an act of honouring the fallen and those who invest in their memorial, wreaths are laid in silence.

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford, says

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence.
May that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples,
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

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

**Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**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 guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), based on Psalm 90
Tune: 'St Anne', William Croft (1678-1727)*

Reading

Fr Waldemar Hareza, Roman Catholic Parish Priest at the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Reading will be read in Polish.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Wisdom 3:1-8

Prayers

Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds along with faith representatives from some of the major faiths of Bradford.

After each prayer the Bishop will say,

God of peace,
Hear our prayer.

At the end, all are invited to say in the language most comfortable for them one of the following prayers from the tradition they associate most with.

Christianity

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you are our peace and
reconciliation and you call us to
love our enemies, to bless those
who curse us, and to seek your
Kingdom of justice and peace.**

**Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may be agents of healing
in a divided world, living as your
Body, for the good of all and the
glory of God.**

**In your name we pray,
Amen.**

Islam

**In the name of God, the Most
Gracious, the Most Merciful.
O Allah, You are Peace, and from
You comes all peace.**

**Make us instruments of your peace
in this city and in the world.
Guide our hearts to mercy, our
hands to justice, and our lives to
compassion for all creation.
Ameen.**

Hinduism

Om.

**May peace dwell in the heavens,
may peace be upon the earth,
may peace flow through all beings.**

**Let us act without hatred or pride,
walking the way of dharma, with
compassion and courage.**

Om shanti, shanti, shanti.

Judaism

**Eternal One,
Oseh shalom bimromav.
You who make peace in the
highest places, bring peace to us,
to our city, and to the whole
world.**

**Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.**

**Help us walk in the paths of peace
and dignity for all your children.
Amen.**

Sikhism

**O God, You are the Creator of all,
without hatred or fear, the One who sustains us.**

**Let all people live in peace and dignity.
May we serve each other in humility and truth,
standing against oppression and injustice.**

**Nanak naam chardi kala,
tere bhaane sarbat da bhala.**

Waheguru ji ka Khalsa, Waheguru ji ki Fateh.

The Lord's Prayer

Led by the Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

**Notre Père...
Baba wa...
我們在天上的父...
Nna Anyi...
Ojce Nasz...
Vater unser...
Ein Tad...
Wo tye...
Baba mu...
...أبانا...
Padre nuestro...
Πάτερ ἡμῶν...
Отче наш...
Pater noster...**

Hymn

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

O Master, grant that I may never seek...

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Words: Sebastian Temple (1928-97), based on a prayer of St Francis of Assisi
Music: "Channel of Peace", melody by Sebastian Temple, arr. by William Llewellyn (1925-2023)

Act of Commitment

Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds

Let us commit ourselves to learn from the sadness
and sacrifice of the past,
that we may live in peace with our neighbours.

Will you work for all that makes for peace?
We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you our sorrows and our fears
that they may be gathered up by your healing love.
Strengthen within us a desire for peace and a hunger for justice,
that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God
Amen.

Blessing

Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the world, 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.

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!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!**

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Dismissal

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman – Dean of Bradford

Let us go from this place
with gratitude for the past,
with courage for the present,
and with hope for the future.

May we live as peacemakers,
honouring the memory of those who came before us,
and committing ourselves to the wellbeing of all.
Let us depart in peace.

At the conclusion of the cenotaph service the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor and a representative of the Bradford Central Branch of the Royal British Legion, will take the salute at the march past in City Park. The Sunset Ceremony will be performed to conclude the service.

The City of Bradford MDC wishes to express its thanks to all those who have participated in today's service and parade.