



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November
2021

at 10.52 a.m.

Opening Prayers

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between nations, that all people may together live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and conflict. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present have been given and taken away.

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.

On our town and nation: Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness.

On us: Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to those who confess.

Grant us peace: Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of Love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Reading John 15; 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for

everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love one another.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for peace of the world; for leaders and rulers that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right. For all who work to improve international relationships, that they would work together for peace and reconciliation amongst all nations.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and war. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones. For the injured and disabled for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed. For the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for those who have lost livelihood and security.

Lord in your mercy

Hear or prayer

For all God's people throughout the world. For Elizabeth, our Queen, our land, our people. For members of the armed forces of the Crown, For Shrewsbury and all leaders and those who enrich the life of this town, those who work for reconciliation and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. 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. **Amen.**

The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

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 is sounded

The Silence

Reveille is sounded

Kohima epitaph

When you go home, tell them of us and say:

‘For your tomorrow, we gave our today.’

The Wreath laying

Blessing

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 whom 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.**