



**CIVIC OBSERVANCE OF  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



**CITY OF LEEDS  
THE WAR MEMORIAL  
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



## PARADE

*The Civic Procession, led by The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and The Lord Mayor of Leeds, departs from the Civic Hall for the War Memorial.*

*Military Units, Ex-Service Organisations Units and other groups take up their positions at Victoria Gardens.*

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## REMEMBERING

### Welcome Address

*The Rt Revd. Arun Arora  
Bishop of Kirkstall  
(Church of England)*

### The Exhortation

*Honorary Alderman S Hyde  
President of The Leeds Group, 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 repeat:*

**We will remember them.**

### The Last Post

### THE TWO-MINUTES SILENCE

### A bugler sounds the Reveille

### Kohima Epitaph

*Honorary Alderman WS Hyde  
President of The Leeds Group, Royal British Legion*

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

# READINGS

## Psalm 23

Read by Rabbi Anthony Gilbert  
Rabbi at Etz Chaim Synagogue & Chaplain to the RBL Clive Behrens Branch

## Yajurveda scriptures (from Haridas)

Read by Dharmesh Mistry  
Temp Chair W.Y Hindu Police Association

- 1: Om, Peace is in Sky; Peace is in Space (between Earth and Sky);
- 2: Peace is in Earth; Peace is in Water; Peace is in Plants;
- 3: Peace is in Trees; Peace is in Gods (presiding over the various elements of Nature); Peace is in Brahman (Absolute Consciousness);
- 4: Peace is pervading everywhere; Peace alone (which is outside) is in Peace (which is inside); May you be (established in) that Peace (and make your life fulfilled);
- 5: Om, Peace, Peace, Peace.

## Reading from the Quran

*Read by Qari Muhammad Asim MBE  
Senior Imam, Makkah Masjid (mosque)*

Remember when you were an oppressed few in the land, afraid of being wiped out; Allah gave you protection and strengthened you with His help and provided you with wholesome things so you might be thankful.

Believers, don't betray God Almighty and the Messenger knowingly, nor be disloyal to your trusts; and know that your wealth and children are a test, and that Allah has a great reward (in store for you).

Believers, if you are mindful of Allah He will give you the standard to judge between right and wrong), and He will cover up your wrongdoings and forgive you. Allah is Gracious in His favour.

## THE PRAYERS

*Lead by the Very Reverend Canon Fr Matthew Habron  
Dean of Leeds Roman Catholic Cathedral*

*At the conclusion of the prayers, please join together in praying 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 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## WREATH LAYING

*Music is played by the Salvation Army Band as wreaths are laid.*

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, The Lord Mayor of Leeds and the Leeds Children's Mayor place their wreaths.

*Followed by :*

The Leeds Group, Royal British Legion Chairman  
Honorary Recorder of Leeds representative  
The Deputy Leader of Council, other Party Leaders,  
Political Representatives (including MPs)  
Representatives of the Faith Communities  
Civic Dignitaries and other represented groups  
Regiments  
Families of the Fallen

## HYMN: O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1719)*

## BLESSING

*Read by The Rt Revd. Arun Arora*

*Bishop of Kirkstall*

*(Church of England)*

May Almighty God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, 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,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**



## THE 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.

## MARCH PAST AND SALUTE

*Preceded by the Mounted Police, The Vice Lord-Lieutenant, The Lord Mayor  
and Civic*

*Representatives, will proceed to the saluting base in front of the Civic Hall  
on Millennium Square ahead of the march past by the Salvation Army Band,  
Military Units, Ex-Service Organisations, and other groups*