



**KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL
WITLEY**

Act of Remembrance

Wednesday 11th November 2020

10:40 a.m.

The Venerable Stuart Beake:

We meet in the presence of God to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the 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 terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away, especially those of this Foundation who gave their lives in war ...

The names of former pupils and masters who died on active service in the two World Wars of the Twentieth Century are read out. In remembrance of each person, a cross will be placed by the War Memorial.

Two wreaths will be laid on the Memorial itself by Mark Harrison, on behalf of the Old Witleians Association, then by Andrew Lewis, Clerk to the Governors, on behalf of the Foundation. Those laying wreaths should walk forward, place the wreath on the Memorial, take a step back, bow and then walk back into position

Anthem: The Choir will sing the anthem 'For the Fallen'
by Douglas Guest

The Venerable Stuart Beake:

‘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 the morning, we will remember them.

All: We will remember them

The Last Post

Thomas Clarke will play the Last Post (the piece of music traditionally played in the Armed Forces as the final order of the day) to indicate to us when the two minutes’ silence will start.

Silence

Two minutes’ silence is kept by all present.

Reveille

Thomas Clarke will play ‘Reveille’ (the piece of music traditionally played to rouse all military personnel from their beds at the start of the day) to indicate to us when the two minutes’ silence ends.

The Venerable Stuart Beake:

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

The Venerable Stuart Beake:

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.

All: Amen

The whole school community then moves in a respectful silence to Break