



# Day of National Remembrance

Sunday 12th November 2023  
Colmore Row  
Birmingham

**Official Programme**  
Councillor Chaman Lal  
Lord Mayor of Birmingham

**Comperre:** Jimmy Franks

# Official Programme

- 10.15am The Salvation Army Band commence to play on Colmore Row. The Birmingham City Council Choir perform.
- 10.30am Uniformed contingents march on.
- 10.40am Standards and Associations march on.
- 10.40am The Civic Party will proceed from the Council House in the following order:

## **Escorting Officer**

### **Deputy Lieutenant**

Major General Timothy Hodgetts CB CBE KHS, OStJ

### **Mace**

### **Lord Mayor**

Councillor Chaman Lal

### **Chaplain**

Rev Nikki Thornhill

### **Acting Bishop of Birmingham and Bishop of Aston**

The Rt Rev Anne Hollinghurst

### **Heads of Service**

Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force

Arriving at the dais, the Civic Party takes up position, facing the Parade.

# The Service of Remembrance

## Introduction

**Act of Remembrance** – The Chaplain will say:

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 those who lived and died in the service of humanity.

**Act of Commemoration** – The Deputy Lieutenant will say:

“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 will respond:** “We will remember them.”

**Bugler:** The Last Post

11.00am **Two minute silence**

11.02am Bugler - Reveille

**The Kohima Epitaph** – The Lord Mayor will say:

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

The Deputy Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor will then lay wreaths on behalf of His Majesty  
the King and the City of Birmingham at the foot of the Cenotaph.

Heads of Service will lay their wreaths.

Lieutenant Colonel Tony Ward	Colonel Nick Sutherland	Squadron Leader Simon Phillips
Royal Marines	Army	RAF

The Acting Bishop of Birmingham and Bishop of Aston will lay her wreath.

Other organisations will lay wreaths under the instruction of the RSM, as announced.

The band will lead the singing of the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past".

- 1. O GOD, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*
- 2. Beneath the shadows of Thy Throne,  
Thy Saints have dwelt secure,  
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.*
- 3. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.*
- 4. A thousand ages in thy sight,  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
Before the rising sun.*
- 5. O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal Home.*

**Act of Commitment** – The Acting Bishop of Birmingham and Bishop of Aston will say:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men; that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**We say together:**

Lord God our Father we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all people in the cause of peace,  
For the relief of want and suffering and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your spirit;

Give us wisdom;

Give us courage;

Give us hope;

And keep us faithful now and always.

Amen

**We say together:** The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father

Who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done

In earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those that 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

**The National Anthem**

(VIPs, Parade Commander, Officers Commanding Detachments and all ranks not with Detachments to salute).

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## **The Acting Bishop of Birmingham and Bishop of Aston – The Blessing**

The Band will move into position ready to lead the Ex-Service Associations, Service and Civil contingents from Colmore Row.

The Parade will proceed along Colmore Row, and do a complete circuit of Cathedral Square and will disperse in Eden Place.

Opportunity for members of the public to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Parade Commander:

Major Robert Mathews RAMC

Parade Sergeant Major:

WO1 Natalie Jackson RAMC

