Day of National Remembrance
Sunday 12th November 2017
Victoria Square
Birmingham

Official Programme
Councillor Anne Underwood
Lord Mayor of Birmingham
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10.00am The Salvation Army Band and the West Midlands Fire Service Pipe Band commence to play on Victoria Square.
10.30am Uniformed contingents march on.
10.40am Standards and Association march on.
10.50am The Lord Mayor’s party will process from the Council House in the following order:

Mace
Lord Mayor and Consort
Councillor Anne Underwood and Philip Underwood
Chaplain
The Reverend Victor Van Den Bergh
The Bishop of Birmingham
The Right Reverend David Urquhart
Heads of Service
Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force

Arriving at the dais, The Lord Mayor’s party takes up position, facing the parade.

The Service of Remembrance conducted by the Chaplain

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 Lord Mayor 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 Volley of rifle fire by soldiers from 37 Signal Regiment
(All V.I.P.s, and Officers Commanding Detachments to salute
at commencement of Last Post until the last note, then remain
standing to attention.

**Two minute silence**

11.02am Volley of rifle fire by soldiers from 37 Signal Regiment.
(No-one to salute)
Bugler
Reveille
The band will lead the singing of the hymn.
“O God our Help in Ages Past”
Before the singing of the hymn, the Military Band will play over
the first line of the tune.

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 in 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 Chaplain 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 thee and all mankind
in the cause of peace
for the relief of want and suffering
and for the praise of thy name.

Guide us by thy spirit;
Give us wisdom;
Give us courage;
Give us hope;
And keep us faithful now
and always. Amen.

**All will say** The Lord’s Prayer.
The band of The Mercian Regiment will play the National Anthem (first verse only).

(V.I.P.s, Parade Commander, Officers Commanding Detachments and all ranks not with Detachments to salute).

Blessing by the chaplain

At the conclusion of the Blessing the Lord Mayor’s party will move from the dais and the Lord Mayor will then lay a wreath on behalf of the City at the foot of the cenotaph

The Bishop will then lay a wreath.
Head of Service will lay their wreaths

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Other organisations will lay wreaths under the instruction of RSM.

After laying wreaths, those detailed above will be escorted back to resume their seats in the grandstand.

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

The Parade will proceed along Waterloo Street, Bennetts Hill, New Street, Victoria Square and will disperse in Eden Place.

After the Parade has marched past, the Lord Mayor will inspect the Standards at the Council House.

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

Parade Commander: Lieutenant Colonel R Lovett, Royal Signals.  
Parade Sergeant Major: W01 (RSM) P Kemp, Royal Signals.