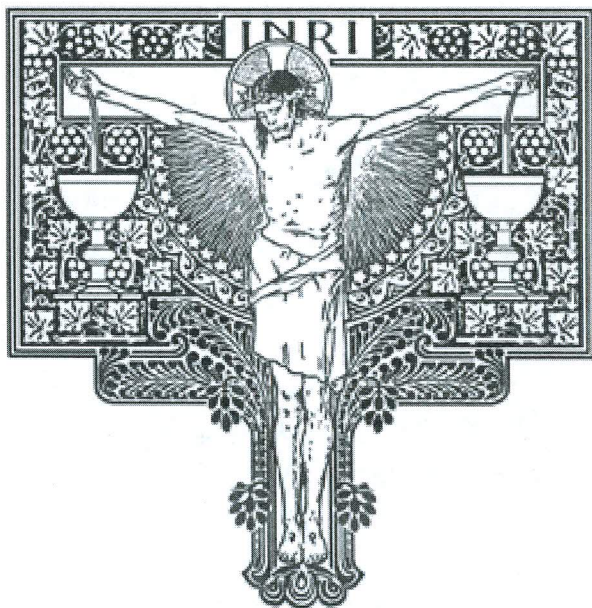


The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, South Benfleet

Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in South Benfleet



Please assemble at the War Memorial in time for the 11.00am two minutes silence. When everyone is assembled we sing:

Our 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.

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Act of Remembrance

*Priest. 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: those who went from this parish of Benfleet, in the County of Essex, and did not return; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

Priest. They shall not grow 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. We will remember them.

The LAST POST will sound

Here follows two minutes SILENCE

The REVEILLE will then sound

Priest. Let us pray.

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.

All. Amen.

Laying of WREATHS