



Remembrance Sunday Act of Remembrance



**Frome War Memorial
Sunday, 12th November 2023
at 10.45 for 10.55hrs**

This year we mark 160 years of the work of the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross, and the parallel Red Crescent Movement) In October 1863 an international conference was convened which agreed on a standard emblem to identify medical personnel on the battlefield: a red cross on a white background.



From the early vision of Henry Dunant, one of the first winners of the Nobel peace prize, the ICRC's work has expanded and remains vital to this day.

We mark 80 years since the invasions of Sicily and Italy during WW2.

We recall the loss on 14 March 1943 off Sicily of HM submarine Thunderbolt, adopted by the town of Frome, and the subsequent adoption of the destroyer HMS Montrose.

We will rededicate a plaque including the previously omitted name of Robert William Smith who died as a result of his service in WW2. This addition brings comfort and conclusion to members of his family, some of whom are present here today.

We mark 70 years since the armistice ending open hostilities in the Korean War.

We hold in thought and prayer the places of the world currently broken and damaged by conflict and the many innocent victims of those conflicts.

We mark the last official duty, before retirement, of our Town Crier, Mike Bishop, who has supported for many years this memorable and worthwhile cause.

"Lest We Forget".

*Music played by Frome Town Band before the service commences.
Parade led by Frome Platoon, The Silver Bugles, Somerset ACF*

10:45 The Town Crier rings a bell for silence as the parade approaches and wreath bearers take their places.

10:55 Music to begin the service: **“Be Still My Soul”**

Minister:

We meet here today as the people of this town to remember those who have lived and died in the service of this nation and in the service of others;

We remember all who have served, died, been wounded or suffered in war and conflict.

We remember particularly this year... (*see facing page*)

We ask for God’s blessing and guidance that we may do His will, and that the whole world may learn ways of justice and peace

Parade Marshall: *“Parade Attention...Standard Bearers Carry Standards”*

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister:

*“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: ***We will remember them***

Bugle Call

THE LAST POST

(Standards dip, Officers salute during Last Post only)

2 MINUTE SILENCE

(The silence will be broken with the Kohima Epitaph)

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

All ***We will not break faith with you***

Bugle Call: **REVEILLE** **(Standards raise)**

Parade Marshall: *“Standard Bearers Order Standards.... Parade Stand at Ease”*

Nimrod:

THE WREATH LAYING

Order of Wreath Laying

Frome Branch Royal British Legion

(Reflecting the Remembrance of the Nation)

Mayor of Frome

(Reflecting the Remembrance of our Town and Community)

[East side]

[West side]

Royal Naval Association

Royal Air Force Association

Veterans and representatives

Ahead of rededication of WW2 plaque: Family of Cpl R.W. Smith

Councillor, Somerset Council

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Avon and Somerset Police

St John Ambulance

Councillors from Murrhardt

Frome Twinning Association

Representing Twinned town of Murrhardt

Representing Château-Gontier
and Rabka-Zdroj

Ukrainian representative

Frome Army Cadet Force

Writhlington Combined Cadet Force

Frome Memorial Theatre Trust

Frome Inner Wheel

Lions Club of Frome

Rotary Club of Frome

Freemasons of Frome

Friends of Frome Hospital

The Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

Frome Rugby Club

Frome Town United Football Club

Frome Community College

Frome Ex-Students Association

St John's CEVA First School

Christ Church CofE First School

Scouts and Cubs

Guides and Brownies

Frome Carnival Committee

Frome Churches, and all faiths.

Animals Remembered (Blue poppies)

Frome Town Crier

Prayer of Commitment

Minister:

Grant, O merciful God,
that with malice toward none, with charity to all,
with firmness in the right as you give us to see the right,
we may strive to finish the tasks that you have given us.
To bind up the nations wounds,
to care for those who have borne the battle,
and for the bereaved, the families and friends.
To do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace
among ourselves and all nations. **Amen**

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 who 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*

Frome Town Band:

Hymn

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Prayers:

Response:

Leader: May God give peace
All: **God give peace**

Minister:

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Town Crier to ring bell as introduction for rededication of WW2 plaque.

**Principal Ms Emma Reynolds reads poem written by Frome College student:
“Remembrance”.**

Minister: Dedication of WW2 plaque, with addition of the name of Cpl. Robert William Smith, Royal Corps of Signals, who died as a result of service, and is commemorated with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone at Holy Trinity Church, Frome.

Prayer of Rededication

Cpl. R.W. Smith’s family to lay wreath

Minister:

At the end of the service you will be welcomed to come forward to place your personal poppy, wreath or cross as a Remembrance. We pause now to reflect on ourselves, our needs; and we remember all those for whom the end of their earthly days has come in this past year

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord.
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and all with whom and for whom you pray,
now and always.

All: Amen

Parade Marshall: *“Parade Attention.....Standard Bearers Carry Standards”*
Standards dip during National Anthem

Town Crier: “God Save the King!”

Frome Town Band: ***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.

Standards raised after National Anthem

Parade Marshall: *“Standard Bearers Fall Out..... Parade Dismiss”*



***As the service ends you are invited to make your own act of Remembrance
by placing a wreath, poppy or cross in front of the memorial.***



Music to depart:

“I Vow to Thee My County”

“Make me a Channel of Your Peace”



Please join the organisers for refreshments after the service at the
Assembly Rooms behind the Memorial Theatre

Parade and Act of Remembrance has been arranged by the Frome Town Council in liaison with the Frome Branch Royal British Legion

Service arranged by Rev Colin Alsbury & Jane Norris RBL Remembrance coordinator

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Acting Civic Chaplain: Rev Colin Alsbury

Parade Marshall: Capt. Barry Eggleton. CFAV Writhlington School CCF

Parade Band: Frome Platoon, The Silver Bugles, Somerset ACF

Buglers: Sjt. Kirk Ward, and Cadet Cpl. Madelyn Nicholls

Public address & music: Pete Dayman-Johns & Memorial Theatre technical team

Music accompaniment: Frome Town Band. Musical Director Chris Turner

Wreath Marshall: Major (Rtd) John R. Price. J.P.

***This will be Rev. Colin Alsbury's last Remembrance in Frome.
The Frome Town Council and Frome RBL Branch wish to thank him for his major contribution, particularly in marking the historical significance of each year.***

For support and comradeship please contact the
local service organisations.

Members and associates always welcome



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