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**Weston-super-Mare**  
Town Council

**A Service  
For  
Remembrance Sunday**

**War Memorial  
Grove Park  
Weston-super-Mare**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **Remembering People from Weston-super-Mare who fell in the Great War**

The four hundred and fifteen members of the Scouts and Guides Associations will be assembled on the green spaces either side of the War Memorial as a visual representation of the sacrifice the community of Weston-super-Mare made in World War 1. Each young person will carry a wooden cross bearing the name of a serviceman from Weston-super-Mare who fell in the Great War. Before they depart from the Memorial they will plant the crosses to leave an individual memorial for each of the fallen.

Their Leaders will be carrying and planting 25 wooden crosses. The crosses are inscribed with the names of the conflicts that have taken place since World War 1 up to the present day in which British Service Personnel have been killed.

## **World War 1 Violin played by Toby Mitchell**

The violin and bow has only been played once after a hundred years had passed since the outbreak of the First World War. It will be played for only the second time today by Toby Mitchell, aged 16, of Weston Youth Orchestra who will perform "Lark Ascending". The restored original violin belonged to Herbert Fenton Byrne, a violinist and musician who performed at dances in Bristol prior to the outbreak of WW1.

Herbert was an original 1914 volunteer member of A Company, 12th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, also to become known as "Bristol's Own." The 'Weston Comrades' formed in Weston and intended joining the Somerset Light Infantry. However logistics at Taunton was a problem so they offered themselves to the 12th Gloucester's. All 78 men were recruited and placed in 'D' Company. Several of them are remembered on the War Memorial. Herbert was one of the many that did not return home and is buried in France after becoming a fatality while in action during the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. Due to heavy losses the battalion were disbanded before the war ended in 1918.

Herbert's great nephew, Anthony Keyes will be reciting his own poem titled "Scarlet Silence".

## **Scarlet Silence, a poem by Anthony Keyes**

Scarlet Silence refers to the fields of poppies and the devastation on the battlefields, the great sacrifice made for our freedom. Anthony wrote the poem directly after the 2 minute silence while attending a Remembrance Service on 11th November 1999. Scarlet Silence was used in a Bristol production as part of a commemoration in words and music for the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in 2014. Today Anthony will read Scarlet Silence as a tribute to all those that gave their all. We will never forget them.

### **Scarlet Silence.**

Give thanks to remember,  
The fallens last breath.

Give thanks to remember,  
After their death.

Give thanks to remember,  
Your memory our guide.

Give thanks to remember,  
Be at their side.



Herbert Fenton Byrne

When all are gathered the Padre shall say:

“We have come today to remember before Almighty God, with grateful thanks, those who have died in the defence of justice and freedom in the service of our country, and its cause, especially those from this our town of Weston-super-Mare. Those whose memory we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind”.

PADRE: “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”.**

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TWO MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

KOHIMA EPITAPH

PADRE will say:

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

**THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS**

PADRE will say:

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning”.

**All:**

**“We will remember them”.**

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. **Amen.**

PADRE will say:

We meet in the presence of God.

We 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.

**All 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 READING – Matthew 5: 1 – 12**

### **THE PRAYERS:**

PADRE: Remember, Lord, those whose stories were unspoken and untold.

***All Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.***

Remember, Lord, those whose minds were darkened and disturbed by memories of war.

***All Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.***

Remember, Lord, those who suffered in silence, and those whose bodies were disfigured by injury and pain.

***All Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.***

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say together:

**“Our Father, which 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”.**

## **HYMN**

### **I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY**

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there’s another country, I’ve heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

## **THE BLESSING:**

“Unto God’s gracious mercy and protection we commit you  
The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
And give you his peace this day and always. **Amen**”

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen,  
Send her victorious, happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.**



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