

## Hardingstone Community Act of Remembrance

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.      *Psalm 46.1*

*The presiding minister says*

Stir up your power, O God,  
and come among us.  
Heal our wounds,  
calm our fears  
and give us peace;  
through Jesus our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;**

**beneath 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.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

*The presiding minister says*

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in conflict;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

*The names of the fallen are read.*

*A second (older) voice continues*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

*A third (younger) voice concludes*

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

**All            We will remember them.**

*The Standards are dipped*

*The Last Post.*

*The Silence.*

*The Reveille.*

*The Standards are raised*

*The Laying of Wreathes and Poppy Crosses.*

**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, O 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, Lord, 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.**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

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

### **Commemoration**

Remember, Lord, your people, who cry to you in their grief.  
Remember the fallen in battle, and the innocents who have died.  
Remember your power to heal and save.

## **Commitment**

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all your peoples,  
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.**

## **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.**

## **Ending**

May the Lord bless us and watch over us,  
may the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us,  
may the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

*Numbers 6.24–26*

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