Ouston Parish Council Remembrance Service 2027 Order of service–Sunday 14th November 10.55am

INTRODUCTION

On Remembrance Sunday, we come together to honour the courageous men and women who have served our country, defended our freedom and kept us safe.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, and those who continue to risk their lives to protect us.

In Flanders Fields - John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Please Remember M –Stephen W Atkinson

For those who sleep from battles lost
And paid, for us, the ultimate cost

For all, who came back from war,
Forever scarred by what they saw,
The lucky ones,
So they say,
They got to see another day

But their friends who fell
At the toll of deaths bell,
Still haunt their dreams,
Upon that field of screams

Where poppies now dwell
As a veil across hell
Where the bones still lie
An the lost still cry

Remember me please!
Please, remember me

I, in deepest Earth,
And, I, in the deepest sea,
Please don't forget me,
Remember me……

Why Do I Wear A Poppy? – Anne Starr

Why do I wear a poppy?
I'll tell you if I may,
Because I believe remembrance
Is not only for one day.

I wear it for the fallen,
And for those falling still.
For those who come back broken
In body or in will.

For the parents, spouses, siblings
Where bereavement takes its toll.
Whose pain will never leave them,
It eats into their soul.

For the wino on the corner,
Of his old life nothing's left.
Now he wishes when in battle
He had died a hero's death.

For the lad who loved a kick-about
In the park with all his mates,
But now his legs are held together
With pins and metal plates.

For the selfless men and women
Whose final journey home
Is in a Union flag-draped coffin
On comrades' shoulders borne.

For all those marching proudly
In Remembrance Day parades.
My poppy's worn in gratitude
For the sacrifice they made.

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.

The Last Post is sounded.

The Two Minute Silence is observed.

Reveille is sounded.

Kohima Epitaph

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

Wreaths – DCC, OPC, UPC, other wreaths A-Z, crosses

CONCLUSION

I would like to say a special thanks to our talented bugler. Thank you to everyone who joined us today to remember and commemorate those who have died in World Wars and in other conflicts.

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