



Hexham Town Council
Remembrance Weekend Events

Saturday 12th November

10:15 am - Laying of poppy crosses on the war graves of those interred at Hexham Cemetery, followed by the laying of a poppy cross on a war grave within St Mary's Roman Catholic church, and laying a wreath at the Roll of Honour memorials for both World Wars which are held within Hexham General Hospital

2:00 pm - A Peace Walk, with readings of poetry and prose, beginning at Hexham Bandstand, visiting the War Memorial, the Community Centre, the Hexham Old Gaol and Hexham Railway Station, and joining the Peace Vigil

From 2:15 pm - Peace Vigil, at St Mary's Church Hall, followed by refreshments and conversation

Sunday 13th November

9:30 am - Remembrance Day service at Hexham Abbey and at other churches

10:15 am - Parade from Hexham Moot Hall followed by

10:30 am - Service at Hexham War Memorial, Beaumont Street

Please note there will be no gun salute this year

[The names on war memorials represent] *"a boundless, near-infinity of private sorrows, minutely subdivided without diminishment among individuals, [their grief] covering the earth like dust.*

Taken together these deaths represent more sadness than anyone could ever begin to comprehend. Hundreds of thousands, millions, bear the weight of them in silence. Each grief is a particular story that might have been otherwise. What possible good can come of a world covered in this dust? ...Forgetting would be inhuman and dangerous, while remembering is a constant grief."

From Ian McEwan's novel Black Dogs

Sunday 13th November

PARADE AND SERVICE AT HEXHAM WAR MEMORIAL

From 10.10am Hexham Brass Band will play at the War Memorial.
At 10.30am, community, professional and uniformed organisations will assemble and parade into Hexham Market Place, continue up Beaumont Street, enter the Abbey Grounds through the War Memorial Gateway, and gather at the War Memorial, where they will join:

Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland, Julian Morrison-Bell
Brigadier David Clouston
Lieutenant Colonel J M Hooper, Commanding Officer, 3rd Regiment
Royal Horse Artillery
Regimental Sergeant Major R Boddy, 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
The Reverend David Glover, Chaplain to the King and Rector of Hexham
Abbey
Councillor Derek Kennedy, Mayor Hexham Town Council
County Councillor Trevor Cessford, Civic Head of Northumberland
County Councillor Suzanne Fairless-Aitken, Northumberland County
Council

THE MÄYOR'S ADDRESS

Councillor Derek Kennedy
The Mayor's address will include special recognition of our twin towns of Noyon in France and Metzingen in Germany where Peace Walks were also held. World Wars I and II left all three towns mourning many hundreds of deaths and suffering all manner of hardships. More than a century on from 1914, our communities continue to be twinned, with strong bonds of friendship existing between us.

THE SERVICE

The Reverend David Glover

Chaplain to the King & Rector of Hexham Abbey

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

Psalm 46.1

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

We gather to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow, those who died in
wars and conflicts, past and present.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for all who in
bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror. We commit ourselves for reconciliation between the
nations, that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace.

HYMN

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

*A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

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

An older person says *They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow
old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;*

A young person says *At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Everyone says We will remember them

THE LAST POST is played

2 MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

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

WREATH LAYING

THE ANTHEM: Hexham Abbey Choir

A Northumbrian Piper will play *Lament for the Fallen* as poppy wreaths are laid in memory of civilians and armed forces across the world who have died in conflict.

1st wreath on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III

2nd wreath on behalf of the Royal Navy

3rd wreath on behalf of the Regular Army

4th wreath on behalf of the Reserve Army

5th wreath on behalf of the Royal Air Force

Serving members of the Armed Forces, the Mayor of Hexham, and County Councillors will lay wreaths, alongside representatives of armed forces associations, police and ambulance services, local churches, other faiths, fire and rescue services, the NHS, cadet and scouting organisations, political parties and charitable & community organisations. Wreaths will also be laid in Hexham Abbey and at the Fusilier's Garden.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to people of all faiths and no faith, unity, peace and concord, and to us
and all God's servants, life everlasting.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Parade will leave via Benson's Gate to dismissal on Beaumont Street.