

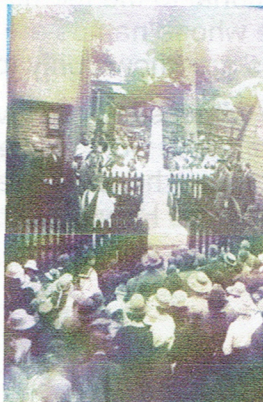


Netheravon

War Memorial

Rededication

15th August 2020



Welcome

We gather here today to remember all those from our community and elsewhere caught up in the conflicts of war, past and present, on this 75th anniversary of VJ day and to rededicate our war memorial.

We remember those killed in action, the bereaved, families whose lives are changed forever and those who cannot speak of their memories of war.

We pray that this memorial will continue to honour the memory of all who have served our nation in pursuit of justice and peace.

Rededication

Jesus taught us that we are members of one another and that we can never live to ourselves alone.

So we are here today as representatives of our community, past and present, and this memorial is here to remind us of lives cut short to give us our tomorrows. And so we pray for those we remember whose lives have been given and taken in conflict.

We rededicate this memorial to the memory of all those who died in wars past, those whose names are remembered here and those whose names are known only to God.

May this memorial be a witness to lives given, a reminder to us and to future generations to work for peace and unity, built upon the sacrifice of those we honour here today, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Laying of Wreath

The Exhortation

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.

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Silence

When you go home, tell them of us and say,

for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Prayers

Eternal God, you give light to those in the shadow of death and give comfort to those who mourn. We hold before You, Lord, those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and peace. Help us to seek for peace in a broken world, give us grace to be forgiving of others and may we have faith in the future and in You, our life and hope now and always. **Amen.**

Stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect all members of the Armed Forces and grant that meeting danger with courage, and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the course of justice and peace to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we reflect upon the cost of serving our nation,
so we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 our 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.**

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
To the departed, rest;
To the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
And all mankind, peace and concord;
And to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**