

LEWES BRANCH
ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



ST ANNE'S CHURCH
High Street, Lewes
Sunday 31st October 2021

Welcome: Reverend Canon Judith Egar

We have come here today to remember all Gunners who have died, particularly those who have fallen or who are still bearing the scars of injury caused whilst serving their country. We also remember with love and pride all fellow Members of the Royal Artillery Association who have passed away in the last year, especially Mick Norris and Russell Simpson.

“We will remember them”

**We Celebrate the Centenary of The Royal Artillery Association.
And 76 years on we acknowledge the end of WWII.**

We celebrate the end of WWII in Europe and we recognise the cessation of hostilities in the Far East on VJ Day. In total some 29,000 Gunners died as a result of combat in the Second World War and today in this 76th year since its end, we remember and honour them especially. We also pray for those who still bear the physical and mental scars of war.

“We will remember them”

The Collect of the Royal Regiment of Artillery All:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost everywhere lead Thy people in the way of righteousness, vouchsafe so to lead the Royal Regiment of Artillery that wherever we serve, on land or sea or in the air, we may win the glory of doing Thy will. Amen

Hymn: We rest on thee

Prayers: Reverend Canon Judith Egar

“Let us pray for our association”

O Lord, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto but to minister: We beseech thee to bless the members of the Royal Artillery Association who following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men; that being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister to their comrades and their families in times of need, giving life and meaning to the claim

“Once a Gunner, always a Gunner”; for the sake of the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.”

The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn: I vow to thee, my country

Address

**The Royal Artillery Commemoration
Mr Michael Hobden. Lewes Branch Chairman**

Let us remember with thanksgiving and honour before God and man,
All Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Artillery who have died giving
their lives in the service of their Sovereign and their Country.

All: “We will remember them”

“The Act of Remembrance”

Mr Michael Hobden, Lewes Branch Chairman

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.

All: God Save The Queen

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause, To sing with
heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Reverend Canon Judith Egar

Conclusion

The Blessing

We shall now move to Lewes Cemetery where we Lay Our Wreath of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Grave of 122355, Lance Bombardier C. Ford who died on 5th March 1920 aged 24.

LBdr Ford served in The Royal Garrison Artillery and The Sussex Territorial Force and was from Beddingham, Lewes.

Organ Music: Sussex By The Sea

WE REST ON THEE

**We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.**

**Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.**

**We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.”**

**We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendour,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.**

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 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.**