



**Funeral Service for
Nineteen unknown soldiers including those from**

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

The Essex Regiment

The Monmouthshire Regiment

The Northumberland Fusiliers

The Royal Irish Regiment and

**Eleven unknown soldiers of Unknown Regiments
killed in action during The Great War**

1100 hours Thursday 28 September 2017

New Irish Farm, Ypres, Belgium

**Service led by The Reverend Iori Price CF,
Chaplain to 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment**

Welcome

We have gathered in this cemetery to remember our soldiers who were caught up in the courageous but tragic events of the First World War. We remember those who were killed in action, or by disease; and the bereaved, the lost, the families which were shattered, the wounded, maimed and injured, those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare.

As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home, let us pray that God will speak a word of peace, and bring us his healing.

Today, we remember with thanksgiving these nineteen soldiers who, alongside so many others, answered the call of their country, served with honour and gave their lives in the service of their nation.

Bidding Prayer

Let us recall the presence of God, the Father of all mankind, maker and sustainer of all that is, whose purposes are good, whose love is never withheld and whose mercy never passes away. We call to mind His faithfulness in times of darkness and despair.

We remember before God our brothers whose names are known only to Him; and all who have served in the Armed Forces of our nation, particularly in The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, The Essex Regiment, The Monmouthshire Regiment, The Northumberland Fusiliers, and The Royal Irish Regiment who counted service to others greater than service of self, and who gave their lives in battle.

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8

Colonel James Phillips, British Defence Attaché

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die,

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

A time to embrace and a time to refrain,

A time to search and a time to give up,

A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,

A time for war and a time for peace.

Gospel Reading John Chapter 14 verses 1-6
Major Andy Buxton, Officer Commanding
1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Address

Committal

Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever.

We have entrusted these soldiers whose names are known to God alone to God's eternal keeping.
We now commit their earthly remains to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.
We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitah

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

Wreath Laying

Prayers

O God of the nations,
as we look to that day when you will gather people
from north and south, east and west,
into the unity of your peaceable kingdom,
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for
the nations of the world,
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom,
and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, protect all who serve in the Forces of The
Queen; strengthen us in danger and temptation; give us
courage and loyalty, that we may remain true to the highest
traditions of our profession; and keep us steadfast when faced
with the perils of action in war; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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**

Collects

The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

O Lord of all good life grant now and at all times thy blessing upon the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in which we are called upon to serve under thy servant our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth; enable us, while loving our own country best, to enter into the fellowship of the whole human family, and give us now and ever the gift of courage to seek a just and merciful peace. **Amen**

The Essex Regiment

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, send thy blessing upon The Essex Regiment. Strengthen us to whom its honour is entrusted, that we may prove worthy of its best traditions. Keep us true to Queen and Country and above all true to Thee. As the star in the East pointed men to their Saviour, so may His light in us point men to Thee. May He fill us with a passion for freedom, justice and right, and with that love greater than which no man hath. We ask it for His sake. Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Monmouthshire Regiment

O Christ, who hast said, be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life, strengthen us, The Monmouthshire Regiment, who bear the crown in honour of those who died for their trust, so to fight the good fight of faith that we may lay hold on eternal life in thee, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Northumberland Fusiliers

O God, in whose strength we shall tread down the enemy of our souls, grant that wheresoever thy secret will may call The Northumberland Fusiliers, we may ever by faith wax valiant in fight for the captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **Amen**

The Royal Irish Regiment

Almighty God, whose love knows no bounds, grant that we, The Royal Irish Regiment, may do our duty courageously so that; undaunted by the difficulties which beset us, your will may be done and, united as members one with another, may we, mindful of the valour and sacrifice of those who have gone before us, clear the way for those that follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening falls,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at last;
through Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you
and all those you love and for whom you pray,
this day and always.

Amen