

# **D-DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

**6th June 2019**

**Breakwater Slipway**

Please assemble at Breakwater Slipway (Service)  
or *Man & Boy* Statue (Parade Marchers) at 10.30am on Thursday 6th June.

We gather together at our D-Day parade and service of commemoration.

We welcome our Guests of Honour - Colonel Dale Slade, U.S. Army, (a veteran of the 4th Infantry Division) alongside Mr. Riedmann, Chief of American Citizen Services at the American Embassy and Major Michael Duggan, of the Canadian Army,

Arrival of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon.

March of the Colours and Standards

National Anthems: British, American and Canadian

Address by Lord Lieutenant

Our Presiding Minister today is Rev Geoff Andrews (Minister of Brixham Baptist Church and Chair of Christians Together in Brixham).

## REMEMBERING

Presiding Minister:

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

*Psalms 46:1*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith

for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all

who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of  
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,

wars and conflicts past and present,  
and in particular those of the D Day Landings  
have been given and taken away.



## **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.

All affirm: **We will remember them.**

## **Silence: Last Post and Reveille**

## **Kohima epitaph:**

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

## **Prayer:**

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war into the peace of  
your presence, and especially those who lost their lives  
during the D Day landings;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn:

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,  
and hushed their raging at Thy word,  
who walked on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirt, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, the wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*William Whiting (1825-78)*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

Reader: **Hear these words from the New Testament**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you. I do not give to you as the world  
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.

*John 14:27*

# PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer is led:

**Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:**

for the service men and women who have  
died in the violence of war,  
We remember each one who died  
As a result of the D Day operations  
That they be remembered by us  
and known to God;

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace  
for those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief and the  
sadness of our loss;

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace  
for all members of the armed forces who  
are in danger this day, remembering  
family, friends and all who pray for their  
safe return;

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace  
for civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence the anger and  
hatreds of humanity;

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace  
for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who  
seek to keep this world secure and free;

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace  
for all who bear the burden and privilege  
of leadership, political, military and  
religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and  
resolve in the search for reconciliation and  
peace.

**ALL - May God give peace**

God give peace.  
O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory  
we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never  
know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment  
of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those  
who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our  
faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

**ALL - Amen.**



## **All join together in the Lord's Prayer:**

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.

## **RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT**

### **Laying of Wreaths**

HM Queen Representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Devon  
The representative of Canada  
The representative of the United States of America  
Brixham Town council  
RBL Devon county  
RBL Brixham  
Royal Naval Association  
S. Devon Parachute Regimental Association  
Brixham Army cadets  
Brixham Sea Rangers  
Brixham Rotary Club  
Brixham Probus Club  
Brixham Women`s Institute  
Brixham Rugby Club

## Hymn:

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's  
power?

Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the  
skies;  
heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain  
shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

### **The act of commitment is made:**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**ALL - We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**ALL - We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**ALL - We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:  
May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,  
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

**ALL - Amen**

**The Parade is now formally dismissed and ended.**



# **75th Anniversary of D-Day**

**We will never forget  
the debt we owe  
for the peace and freedom  
we now enjoy**

In 1939 Brixham was a small coastal fishing port with a population of around 8,000. Over 125 local inhabitants were killed during the Second World War and many more were injured or suffered loss or bereavement.

Brixham men and women were instrumental in the war effort, in the Land Army, Auxiliary Services, Home Guard, at sea in minesweepers or merchant ships or in the air in fighter or bomber planes.

Brixham played host to a large refugee population, mainly from occupied Belgium. American and Canadian troops also arrived in large numbers from 1943 onwards as the South West prepared for the invasion of France. Forces from many other countries also participated: Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland.

For the D-Day Landings, the American 4th Infantry Division departed from our Breakwater Beach for Normandy, landing at Utah Beach and heralding the first step in the liberation of Nazi occupied France.

Today we can still recall this period of our history. It is there in our buildings and our streets to remind us of those who served and sacrificed during the 40s. It helps us remember that we owe them so much for the peace and freedom we now enjoy.

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