

VE PARADE SERVICE

**11am, 8th May 2020
Town Square, Brixham**

**This service will be held in the Town Square behind the main bus station.
All are welcome.**

**Marchers please assemble at 10.30am at the Man & Boy Statue for march up
Fore Street and into Town Square via Union Lane**

**10.30 am : Arrival of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Devon in Town Square
10.45am March in of the Colours and Standards followed by the Marching Parade
11am: Address by the Deputy Lieutenant followed by Thanksgiving Service**

**The Presiding Minister is Reverend Geoff Andrews
(Chair of Christians Together in Brixham)**

**Visit www.brixhamfuture.co.uk for details of other free events being held from 8th-10th May
as Brixham marks the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe.**

Brixham and World War 2 (1939-1945)

When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace in the hope of a brighter future.

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

The War in Europe ended on 8th May 1945 in Europe (VE Day) with the formal surrender of Nazi Germany but would still continue in the Far East until the 2nd September 1945.

Today we can still recall this period of our history. It is there in our buildings and our streets. So as you walk around and enjoy the displays and activities, please remember our forebears who served and sacrificed during the 40s. And never forget, we owe them so much for the peace and freedom we now enjoy.

Welcome and Introduction

Arrival of the Parade and March Past

The salute is taken by the Deputy Lieutenant of the County as Her Majesty`s representative.

Thanksgiving for Peace

Hymn:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

Poems: Celebrating Peace from local people

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Participant`s responses are in italics

Minister: Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe, and for the good example they have given us; let us bless the Lord.

Reply all: *Thanks be to God.*

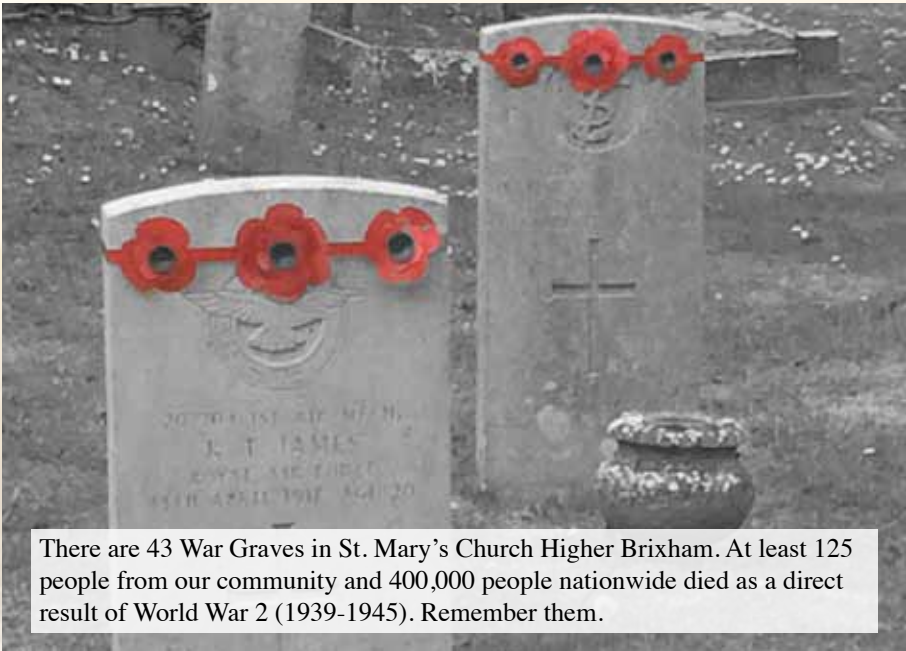
Minister: Let us give thanks for those who work for peace and liberty throughout the world, for Her Majesty`s Armed Forces, and for all who strive to bring an end to injustice and oppression; let us bless the Lord.

Reply all: *Thanks be to God.*

Minister: Let us give thanks for the reconciliation of former enemies, for the flourishing of goodwill between them, and for the many blessings we enjoy as a result of the sacrifices which have made for peace; let us bless the Lord.

Reply all: *Thanks be to God.*

Remembrance - The Cost of Peace



There are 43 War Graves in St. Mary`s Church Higher Brixham. At least 125 people from our community and 400,000 people nationwide died as a direct result of World War 2 (1939-1945). Remember them.

The Exhortation:

They shall not grow 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.

Reply all: *We will remember them*

Kohima Epitaph:

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

The Last Post

One Minute's Silence

Reveille

Prayers for Peace:

Minister:

We pray for nations still devastated by war, for their people and their leaders,
and for those who suffer the effects or memories of past wars; for veterans,
for those who mourn, and for all innocent victims whose lives have been shattered by the
cruelty of others; Lord, hear us.

Reply all: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Minister:

We pray for those in our own day who have grown weary or lost hope as a result of
violence or terror; for all refugees and displaced people, and for those who seek to address
the causes of discord and distrust; Lord, hear us.

Reply all: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Minister:

We pray for the young people of our own day and for all who will shape the future of our
world, that they may be inspired by those who have gone before them to serve as they have
been served; Lord, hear us.

Reply all: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Inspired by the remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, let us pray together for
the coming of God's reign among us as Jesus himself has taught us all:

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.

Commitment to Peace

Minister:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living in faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

Reply all – We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

Reply all – We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

Reply 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 place in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Closing Prayer:

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The National Anthem

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.

The Parade is now formally dismissed and ended



A time to celebrate...

8 May 1945 – VE Day – was one that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it. It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering and privations to the populations of entire countries.

Millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of total war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.



Today is an opportunity for us all to remember the enormous sacrifices that were made at home and abroad and to joyously celebrate as people did 75 years ago, the arrival of peace in Europe.

Pack Up Your Troubles

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
and smile, smile, smile
While you've a Lucifer to light your fag
smile boys that's the style
what's the use of worrying
it never was worth while
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We'll Meet Again

We'll meet again
don't know where
don't know when
but I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far
away

So will you please say hello
to the folks that I know
tell them I won't be long
they'll be happy to know
that as you saw me go
I was singing this song

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The White Cliffs of Dover

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after.
Tomorrow, when the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep.
The valley will bloom again.
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again.

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.



Land of Hope and Glory

Land of hope and glory, mother of the free
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?

Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet
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Rule Britannia!

When Britain first, at heaven's command,
Arose from out the azure main,
Arose, arose from out the azure main,
This was the charter, the charter of the land,
And Guardian Angels sang this strain:

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves!
Britons never, never, never shall be slaves.
Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves!
Britons never, never, never shall be slaves.

The nations not so blest as thee
Must, in their turn, to tyrants fall,
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While thou shalt flourish, shalt flourish great
and free:
The dread and envy of them all.

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The Royal British Legion

We are a UK charity providing lifelong support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families and dependants.

We welcome new Members. You do not have to be a current or former member of the armed forces to support our work.



The Royal Naval Association

We have over 20,000 members across 300+ branches in the UK and overseas, within a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy.

We welcome new members.



The Brixham Orpheus Male Voice Choir (BOMVC)

In the red blazers today, we welcome new members and rehearse every Thursday evening 7-9pm at the Christian Community Centre, Fore Street in Brixham.

Visit the website www.brixham-orpheus-choir.co.uk or contact our Choir Secretary on dewibrown6@gmail.com.



Brixham Town Band

It's a great time to join Brixham Town Band. We are currently working on our new music pieces for the 2020 quayside season, including pieces from Jungle Book, Abba, Pirates of the Caribbean, Mancini and lots of brass band instrumentals and march classics too.

Develop a new skill or revive an old one; join us at our friendly practice sessions at Brixham College on Mon and Thurs evenings at 1930. Tuition and Instruments provided free of charge. For details, please visit: www.brixhamtownband.org.uk



Getting here

A regular bus service is available into Brixham stopping at the Central Bus Station.

There are Park & Ride facilities at Churston just outside the town.

A mobility centre is located at the main town car park.

Visitors are encouraged to use above facilities and walk around the town.

There are several town centre paying car parking facilities.

There are parking restrictions operating within the town.

Staying safe

Please keep all children under supervision.

Secure personal belongings at all times.

In event of any emergency please contact one of our Yellow Viz Jacket Marshalls.

Please follow directions given to you by our Marshalls for your own and other people's safety.

Many thanks

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