



Act of Remembrance 2023

North Cestrian School

The presiding minister welcomes people and reads a sentence from the Bible

I lift up my eyes to the hills from
whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121. 1 - 2

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

The presiding minister continues:

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

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those
whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and
present have been given and taken away

The Head Boy (Steven O) Says

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the setting of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.”

All say together and affirm:

“We will remember them”

The beginning of the two - minute silence is signalled by The Last Post, played by Ciaran C (Y8)

Two minutes silence

The completion of the silence is signalled with Reveille

A poppy wreath is laid at the cenotaph by the Deputy Head Boy, Jad A and Deputy Head Girl, Theodora T

The Head Girl (Joud A) says

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

The following prayer is said by the presiding minister

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence, may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations. We ask this in the name of humanity, our own acts of faith and I ask through my Lord, Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

For those who are familiar with the Lord's Prayer, we say together:

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

The presiding minister leads the Act of Commitment:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

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.

Amen

The Deputy Head Girl (Theodora Theodoropoulou) and Deputy Head Boy, Jad Awwad say the Cestrian Contemplation:

As we look to our higher purpose
May we be diligent in our service
Studios of the best things
Patient and obedient to those set over us
Peaceful and loving one towards another
And above all,
Truthful and honourable in all our dealings
May we, through faith, school, family or friends
Discover our true calling
To help us to thrive and lead rich and fulfilling lives.

Amen.

The Blessing

May The Lord bless you
And keep you
May the Lord make `His face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

And the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, The Son
And the Holy Spirit Be
with you all now
And until Jesus comes or calls us home

Amen

The school banner was presented by senior prefects Ubaida T, Tom J and Millen L, and withdrawn by Y9 Head Boy and Girl, Haysten W, Demah F and Year 7 Max F, who kindly stepped in to help at the last minute.