

# *Sunday Service November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020*

## *Remembrance Day Service*

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentleman, this is Gina Langsfield, speaking to you today from the SAGB. And welcoming you to our Remembrance Day Services. For those joining us on zoom please welcome our mediums for today's service Peter Smith and Penny O'Meara.

Would you like to join me in prayer

Dear God, loving Spirit

We ask that the collective prayers of everyone who prays for those who have fallen through all the wars in history form into a beautiful beacon of light which gives warmth, healing and hope to this troubled earth. And, we pray that the warmth emanating from that light reaches the minds, the hearts and the souls of all our world leaders that they may get together and let this world someday be a place of peace, of love, harmony, with war and conflict truly in the past.

Amen

A tribute to all our heroes.

Sadly, 2020 Remembrance's anniversary is very different from the way we normally honour it. Yet despite that, this year the very word, Remembrance, has a very deep poignancy. As always this is the day we pay tribute to those who sacrificed their earthly lives for us through the war. The First and Second World Wars, and all other wars, throughout older and modern history. This year once again we fight a war, and it too has its heroes, who gave their physical lives in duty and in service to their fellow man. This war hasn't been fought on earth's battlefields or in the air but, in intensive care units in hospitals.

The enemy was not a tyrannical leader of any opposing nation but an invisible virus which attacks all nations. These heroes were not killed by guns or bombs. But, they were killed just as cruelly in the line of duty, they are not soldiers, they are doctors, nurses, social carers, cleaners, bus drivers and many others who have fallen on the front line. But, they just as those gallant war heroes who preceded them are just the same heroes and, they have served for the common good of mankind in every corner of the world.

This Remembrance Day, we remember them, and thank them, and place them too amongst our time honoured fallen heroes. As well as the main source of what Remembrance Day stands for, our tribute to our heroes of the war, for many of us it also serves as a reflective time to think with love and respect of those we personally have lost to Spirit and, never more so than this year when so many have been bereaved due to this dreadful disease.

As Spiritualists, of course we have the knowledge, that death is purely physical and that life in the Spirit is eternal and blissful, that means everything as does the knowledge that the relationship with our loved ones has not ended just because they have left the physical body but even that cannot take away the grief we feel at the physical separation.

Those joining us on FaceBook will identify with our song for today, 'Coming home, my Darling, coming home to you.' The lyrics of course refer to the separation caused by war. Although they could equally apply to the years we are separated by dimensions.

One day we shall all go home to those we love and they will be waiting to greet us, happy, whole, young and healthy. Whether they passed from a bomb explosion, Covid-19, accident, suicide or any other cause. But meanwhile we who remain here in the physical have to honour those in Spirit by soldiering on as best we can.

During the Second World War, people came together to fight their cause. To the brave and self-sacrificing young people of that generation we owe a great debt.

In these recent months it was touching to see people such as the lovely Dame Vera Lynne, so recently departed to Spirit, becoming idolised by our children. Likewise Sir Captain Tom Moore, a worthy idol indeed, a role model.

As we continue to fight our own war against Covid-19 we need our young generation to cultivate such role models. Then someday they will be able to look back on this period and know they did their bit to fight the war of their own times. Even by such simple things as wearing their masks and observing what we accept our very miserable temporary restrictions.

We all hope by the grace of God that within a few more months this war will be won and our normal lives will resume but we must never forget its casualties and its heroes. Just as shall never forget the fallen soldiers of our traditional wars.

Service is the coinage of Spirit for all those who have sacrificed their earthly lives in service, we say in the timeless words of Laurence Binyon

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'

On behalf of our manager Karl and the trustees, our staff, mediums, healers and of course myself Gina, may Spirit's blessings be with you all. And, thank you for joining us. For those on zoom I hand back over to our mediums Peter Smith and Penny O'Meara. God Bless.

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*Background Music – Coming Home my darling*