

EAST DEAN AND FRISTON – ACT OF REMEMBRANCE. VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL.

Sunday am. Parish Council to remove padlock to war memorial gate. Code 0422.

John Dann. Liaise with Coastguard flag bearers.

10.50am (approx.) Procession of Clergy and PCC members from church to village green.

10.55. (Church Representative). *“Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for this country in time of war: those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind”*

Reading of memorial names. (Chair of Parish Council).

Exhortation. (John Dann on behalf of Royal British Legion).

Last post. (Martin Bunce – Eastbourne Silver Band). Email : martinbunce1951@gmail.com

11.00. Two minutes silence.

11.02. Reveille (Martin Bunce).

Kohima declaration (John Dann).

Laying of wreaths. In order: Royal British Legion, Coastguard, Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Red Cross, District Councillor on behalf of MP. Parish Council, Parish Council, Village Hall Trust, Parochial Church Council, Residents Association, Women’s Institute, Women’s Land Army, Others.

Church Representative says two prayers

“In the midst of life we are in death; to whom can we turn for help, but to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins? Lord God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, holy and most merciful saviour, deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death. You know the secrets of our hearts; in your mercy hear our prayer; forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall away from you.

O God of truth and justice, we thank you for 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, through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

11.15 Approx. Clergy party return to church in procession. Coastguard dismiss. People disperse.

Back up in the event that any of the above are not able to attend.

Church will delegate if necessary.

Chair of Council – Vice Chair of Council.

John Dann – Chair of Council.

Martin Bunce – no back up and Chair of Council to time 2 minutes silence. Fee for bugler £60 (2025 paid cash)

On this day, we honour the memory of those from this village who made the supreme sacrifice in both the First and Second World Wars:

William Brown.

Robert Charles Caldwell.

Geoffrey Lawrence Cheal.

Elizabeth Lucy Congreve.

Charles Gay.

Robert Hall.

Claude Hills.

George Cleeton-Houston-Boswall.

Henry Arthur Jowett.

Alexander Thomas Maynard.

Herbert Gerrard Melling.

Alfred William James Norkett.

James Pengelly.

Michael Savage.

Robert Brian Scott.

William Walker.

Richard Carrington Way.

We also remember the following, not from our Parish, but who are laid to rest in Commonwealth War Graves within the churchyards of East Dean and Friston.

Private Willie Elijah Tshabana (SHABANA)

Seaman W E Kinley

Flight Lieutenant L E Thompson

And FOUR un-named Merchant Seamen, known unto God

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

All affirm

We will remember them.

Kohima.

When we go home tell them of us,

And say;

For your tomorrow we gave our today.