

# BRITISH LEGION

COWBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.



## DEDICATION OF STANDARD ORDER OF SERVICE AND CEREMONIAL

to be held at the

Cowbridge Church, and War Memorial

On SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 1930, at 3 p.m.

DAN RADCLIFF, Esq., J.P. will present the Standard at the  
War Memorial at 2.45 p.m.

## ORDER OF PROCESSION

### Headed by the Pontyclun Silver Band.

Members of the Cowbridge Branch British Legion, Members of the Llanwit Major Branch British Legion, Cowbridge Fire Brigade, Red Cross, Girl Guides, Brownies, Boy Scouts, and Cubs will "fall in" at Croft Street at 2.25 p.m., and will march to the War Memorial where the parade will be received by the President, Alderman T. J. Yorwerth, O.B.E., (Mayor of Cowbridge), the Chairman, A. W. Gwyn and Members of the Cowbridge Borough and Rural District Councils.

Dan Radcliff, Esq., J.P., will present the Standard at 2.45 p.m., after which the President will lay a wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of the Branch. The Dedication Service will be conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar of Cowbridge assisted by the Rev. F. Leigh Llansanor at 3 p.m.

By Order of the Committee.

L. S. ROWSELL,

Hon. Secretary.

# ORDER OF SERVICE.

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## HYMN.

○ God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne  
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

During the singing of the Hymn, the Standard Bearer and his two supporters will move forward to (a) the Chancel steps, (b) the piled drums or Table, where the unfurled Standard will be held upright at the "Order."

(a) *At a Service in Church.* (b) *At an open-air Service.*

*Then shall the Chaplain or officiating Minister say :*

**B**RETHREN, we are met together in the presence (and House) of God to take part in the hallowing and dedication of the Standard of the Branch of the British Legion established in this place; and to witness thereby to the noble ideals and great purposes, inspired by Almighty God, which animate the members of the Legion—such purposes being the succour of those our brethren who fought in the War and who have fallen out by the way of life, the care of the widows, orphans and other dependants of those who served, the fostering of brotherly love and comradeship among all its members, the remembrance of the ideals for which we fought in the Great War, and of our fellow citizens who then laid down their lives for us: and also the preservation of true loyalty and devotion to our King and Country at all times, and in all places.

To this end I call upon the members of the Legion and the whole congregation here present, to offer humble prayer to Almighty God, that He will bless this Standard now to be dedicated to His Glory, and that He will inspire the members of the Legion to carry out with a single heart and devoted purpose the high aims for which they are joined in fellowship.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

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The Standard Bearer, with the Standard at the "carry," accompanied by his supporters, will come forward and kneel on the right knee, the Standard will be brought to the "Order": the supporters will remain standing.

## PRAYERS.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.*

LORD God of our fathers, Who didst lead this people through the countless sufferings of the Great War, keep us, we beseech Thee, ever mindful of Thy mercy; pour Thy blessing upon the peoples over whom Thy servant GEORGE, our Sovereign Lord the King, is ruler; unite us in the bond of brotherhood and in the service of our country; that the offering of our life's work may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT we pray Thee, O Almighty God, that all we who here do honour to the memory of our brethren's loyal sacrifice, may be filled with the spirit of their love and courage, and, forgetting all selfish and unworthy aims, may live together to the glory of Thy Name, and in the service of our fellow-men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## THE DEDICATION OF THE STANDARD.

Then shall the Chaplain or officiating Minister lay his hands on the Standard and say:

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do dedicate and set apart this Standard, that it may be a sign of our duty towards our King and Country in the sight of God and a symbol of the service the British Legion is called upon to render.

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The Standard Bearer will then stand and the Standard will be taken by the Chaplain or officiating Minister and placed on the Alter, drums or table where it will remain until the conclusion of the service.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that Thou hast put it into the hearts of these Thy servants to join together in the fellowship of the British Legion in this place and to desire to carry out its aims and purposes: let Thy Fatherly hand ever be over them, let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so guide their counsels that they may set forth Thy Glory, and help forward all the great works to which they have given themselves, so that by their witness and their labours the spirit of love and comradeship among those who fought in the Great War may be advanced in this place, and loyalty and devotion to King and Country may be established here on a sure foundation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN.

FIGHT the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy Strength, and Christ thy Right ;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His Face ;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide ;  
His boundless mercy will provide ;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His Arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear ;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee. *Amen.*

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THE ADDRESS.

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HYMN.

NOW thank we all our God,  
With heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In Whom His world rejoices ;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath bless'd us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessèd peace to cheer us ;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplex'd,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Him Who reigns  
With Them in highest Heaven,  
The One Eternal God,  
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. *Amen.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

**G**OD save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King !  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us :  
God save the King !

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THE BENEDICTION.

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After the Blessing, the Minister will take the Standard and return it to the Bearer, who, with the Standard at the "Carry" and accompanied by his supporters, will thereupon precede the members of the Legion in procession following the Clergy from the place of Service. The congregation will remain in position till the Clergy and Legion members have passed.

## Officers of the Branch.

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*President :—*

Alderman T. J. Yorwerth, O.B.E., (Mayor of Cowbridge).

*Chairman :—*

A. W. Gwyn, Esq.

*Vice-Chairman :—*

Dr. D. J. Evans, Esq.

*Treasurer :—*

F. A. Rogers, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary :—*

L. S. Rowsell, "Springfield," Cowbridge.

*Committee :—*

Messrs. E. Adams. W. Brown, J. Evans, H. Gibbs, D. Harris,  
F. Hood, E. Lewis, G. Westcott.

*Standard Bearer :—*

Sergeant W. Brown.

*Supporters :—*

W. Batchelor and A. Sanders.