

Australian National Anthem

**Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair**

New Zealand National Anthem

**God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.**

British National Anthem

**God 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.**

Anzac Day

Wreath Laying Ceremony

(Australian and New Zealand Army Corps)



11am – Friday 25th April 2025

Anzac Memorial – Weymouth Seafront

Service Conducted by Mayor's Chaplain, Town Centre Chaplain Neil Biles

INTRODUCTION

Weymouth is proud to be part of the story of the ANZACs of World War 1. Over 100 years ago, the first ANZAC soldiers evacuated from Gallipoli arrived at Burdon's Military Hospital, now the Prince Regent Hotel to recover from their physical and mental scars. They were the first of nearly 120,000 ANZACs to pass through Weymouth until 1919.

Sadly 90 ANZACs died in Weymouth and are buried in war graves in cemeteries around the town.

Today, we call out the names of two of their soldiers to represent those who rest here, far away from home.

1608 Private Ralph Henshaw, 12 Battalion Australian Infantry, who died in March 1916 aged 20 and now rests in Weymouth cemetery.

16/567 Private Hapi Christie, New Zealand Maori contingent, who died in February 1916 aged 25 and now rests in Melcombe Regis Cemetery.

We are here to remember their sacrifice, and that of all the ANZACS who came to Weymouth.

Bible sentence

A reading from the bible. Romans 12:18 & 21.

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.... Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good".

ANZAC Day - Prayer from the Australian Prayer Book

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia and New Zealand, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

WREATH LAYING

Cllr Jon Orrell – Mayor of Weymouth

Lieutenant Katie Scicluna – Australian Defence Force

Associations and Public Wreaths

EXHORTATION

"They shall grow not 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"

LAST POST

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

POEM – SONS OF THE EMPIRE

(Read by Cllr Jon Orrell, Mayor of Weymouth)

Written by Mr Alvin Hopper

PRAYERS

After the chaplain says **God of peace**, please respond with **hear our prayer**.

FINAL PRAYER

Drawing our prayers together we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray 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 Glory,
For ever and ever,
Amen.

Australian National Anthem One verse

New Zealand National Anthem One Verse

British National Anthem One verse

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go into the world in peace. Be brave; keep hold of what is good.
Never pay back wrong for wrong; encourage the faint hearted;
Support the weak and distressed; give due honour to everyone.
Be always joyful and give thanks whatever happens for this is what
God wills for you. **Amen**.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be with you all; this day, and forever more. **Amen**.