

## THE LAYING UP OF THE OLD COLOURS

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### WELCOME

#### HYMN

#### THE BIDDING

We have come together in the presence of Almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth and to dedicate ourselves afresh to his service and in the service of our Queen and Country. We give thanks to him for the \*\*\*\*\*, particularly for those who have served under these Colours.

Let us join our prayers with all God's servants in heaven and on earth by saying together the words our Saviour taught us:

#### *All Say*

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.

THE LESSON – Read by The Colonel of the Regiment or President of the Association

Romans 12 v 3-13 (or the selected reading for the day)

#### THE SERMON

#### HYMN

#### THE CEREMONY OF THE LAYING UP OF COLOURS

*The Colour Party with Colours carried aloft move forward to the Regimental Slow March, halting before the sanctuary step.*

We are gathered together in this Church to lay up these Colours of the \*\*\*\*\*. No more fitting place could be found wherein to deposit these emblems of duty and service than the House of God where praise and prayer are made.

*The Colonel of the Regiment takes the first of the Colours from the Colour Party and presents it saying:*

I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls these consecrated Colours, formerly carried by the \*\*\*\*\* in the service of the Queen and Commonwealth.

*The Priest replies:*

I receive these Colours for safe custody within this Church.

*The remaining Colours are passed to the Priest and placed on the altar.*

*The Colour party withdraws.*

*Once the Colour party has left the church, the Congregation kneels or is seated for prayer.*

## PRAYERS

Let us pray

### FOR THE QUEEN AND THE COMMONWEALTH:

Almighty God, fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her in this nation and throughout the Commonwealth; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### A PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES:

O Lord our God, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping the men and woman of the Armed Forces, especially those serving in the Fusiliers. We ask you to protect them from all danger to body and soul: to give them a loyal, courageous and disciplined spirit; to instill in them the love of justice and liberty, and to grant that they may be called to serve only for the establishment of peace throughout the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember with thanksgiving at God's throne of grace all those who have died during operational service. We remember today those who have lost their lives whilst serving under these Colours. We commend our brothers to your perfect mercy and wisdom, for in you alone we put our trust. Amen.

### THE REGIMENTAL COLLECT

### THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of god almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.