



We remembered!

On 11 November, we at The Cathedral Church of St Paul's in Sale, held services for Remembrance Day. Bishop Richard presided and Chaplain Andrew Knox from the Sale RAAF Base preached. We observed a minute's silence at the 8am service and at 11am. At the end of the 11am silence we heard the planes fly overhead.

It was a special and moving day to keep both Defence Force Sunday and Remembrance Day. The church was filled with people wearing red poppies, and there was a presentation of remembrance. The children discovered the memorial to those who died in both World War 1 and World War 2. They listened to stories and painted their responses, including the sinking of a ship, and poppies. Chaplain Andrew shared some of his story, and spoke of 'Forgetting and Remembering'. He concluded with this poem. Having read John McCrae's poem '*In Flanders Fields*', Moina Michael made a personal pledge to 'keep the faith'. She felt compelled to make a note of this pledge and hastily scribbled down a response entitled '*We shall keep the faith*' on the back of a used envelope. From that day she vowed to wear a red poppy of Flanders Fields as a sign of remembrance. ([www.greatwar.co.uk](http://www.greatwar.co.uk).)

*We shall keep the faith*

By Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!

We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With all who died

We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valour led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honour of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.

We remembered, and will never forget.  
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