

### The Somme Association

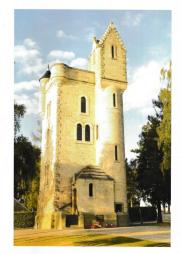
Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of The Ulster Tower

# Order of Divine Service

Ceremony at the Ulster Memorial Tower, Thiepval, France 19th November 2021 at 11am

They went with songs to the battle, they were young. Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted; They fell with their faces to the foe.

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.



### The Somme Association 100th Anniversary of the Ulster Memorial Tower

### ORDER OF COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Congregation move to their designated area by 1030hrs

At 1045hrs The Cenotaph Party will take up position around the Ulster Tower

At 1047hrs The Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of The Royal Irish Regiment and Standards will parade on

The Congregation shall stand to receive the VIP guests;

The Congregation remains standing while the The Gueen's and Regimental Colours of the Ist and 2nd Battalions The Royal Irish Regiment are marched on while the Regimental Slow March is played.

Congregation to be seated

A welcome to the assembled congregation shall be extended

by Alan McFarland, Chairman of the Somme Association

A Letter from The Somme Association President, HRH The Duke
of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, GCSLJ, FRIBA Shall be read by
Carol Walker MBE. Director of the Somme Association

AMAZING GRACE - Sung by Emma Brown accompanied by the Bugles, Pipes and Drums of of The Royal Irish Regiment

A History of The Ulster Memorial Tower shall be read by Carol Walker MBE, Director of the Somme Association

Historical Quotes
Sir Henry Wilson, Bart, GCB, DSO, C.I.G.S
King George V
Sir Winston Churchill

### CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu

President of the Methodist Church in Ireland

"Friends, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God to offer unto Him our worship, prisse, and thanksgiving, to remember proudly all those soldiers from the course in this life. Wherefore, remembering God's presence with us now, let us praise and thank Him for the gallantry and resolute courage of all those who fought in the First World War"

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O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

HYMN:

Under 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.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come; Be thou our guide while troubles last, And our eternal home.

### THE LESSON

John 15 verses 7-14 Read by Rt Rev Dr David Bruce

Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

#### THE PRAYER

Followed by The Lord's Prayer

ADDRESS

By The Most Revd. Francis John McDowell

Archbishop of Armagh

### THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE EXHORTATION

Read by: Major General C R J Weir DSO MBE, Colonel, The Royal Irish Regiment

Response: "We Will Remember Them"

Note: During the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.

the congregation should stand to attention. Standards should be dipped.

### THE LAST POST

Silence shall be observed for one minute

THE REVEILLE

THE PIPER'S LAMENT

# THE PLACING OF OFFICIAL WREATHS appounced by Carol Walker MBE

Director of The Somme Association

#### HYMN-

### GOD! AS WITH SILENT HEARTS WE BRING TO MIND

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind how hate and war diminish humankind, we pause - and seek in worship to increase our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall the lives of those who gave and give their all. We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn, high hope to share with all the newly born, strong love in our pursuit of human worth: 'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power, teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower. May we, impassioned by your living Word, remember forward to a world restored.

### Tune: The Supreme Sacrifice

During the hymn the representatives of the Local Authorities starting with Belfast as the Capital City and the other Local Authorities in alphabetical order will lay their wreaths.

### CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE - Sung by Emma Brown Accompanied by the Band of 2 Brigade Defence Forces Ireland

## CLOSING REMARKS AND THANKS Alan McFarland

Chairman of The Somme Association

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

The National Anthems are sung. All stand.

#### RRITISH

God save our gracious Queen, Allons enfants de la Patrie. Long live our noble Queen. God save the Queen. Send her victorious Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the Queen

Thy choicest gifts in store On her be pleased to pour.

Long may she reign. May she defend our laws. And ever give us cause, To sing with heart and voice. God save the Queen.

Le jour de gloire est arrivé! Contre nous de la tyrannie. L'étendard sanglant est levé!

FRENCH

L'étendard sanglant est levé! Entendez-vous dans les campagnes Mugir ces féroces soldats? Ils viennent jusqua dans nos bras

Egorger nos fils et nos compagnes! Aux armes, citoyens! Formex vos bataillons! Marchons! marchons! Qu'un sang impur

Abreuve nos sillons!

The Congregation shall remain standing as the Regimental Colours are paraded from the Memorial as the Regimental Quick March is played

Please Remain Standing while the Dignitaries are escorted to the Memorial Room.



### 36th (Ulster Division)

The Officers of The Somme Association wish to record their sincere appreciation to all who have assisted with, and participated in, these Commemorations, particularly the Officers and other Ranks of The Ist and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Irish Regiment; the Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of The Royal Irish Regiment; 38th (Irish) Brigade and the Band of 2 Brigade Defence Forces Ireland.

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