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PRESS RELEASE

Leighton-Linslade Remembers

Hundreds of members of the public along with veterans, uniformed organisations and dignitaries fell silent at 11am on Sunday at the Leighton Buzzard war memorial to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Lead by a marching band, the parade made its way from Lake Street into Church Square before members of the public, who had previously lined the procession route, joined to pay their respects. In a service lead by Rev'd Cate Irvine, wreaths were laid at the memorial by those attending including dignitaries, serving members of the armed forces, veteran associations and uniformed organisations from within the town. This was followed by a service inside All Saints Church which was well attended and very moving.

A short service of remembrance was also held at the Linslade War Memorial lead by Rev'd Dr. Bernard Minton who was also joined by dignitaries, veterans, uniformed organisations and the local community to pay respects to residents of Linslade.

For those unable to attend, a live stream of the Leighton Buzzard service was available via the Town Council's Facebook page and the All Saints Church YouTube channel. A recording of the Linslade service was also made available via Facebook on Sunday afternoon. Copies of both services are also available on the Town Council's website.

The Town Council would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of both services as well as all those in attendance. This was a moving and poignant community event as people came together as a town to remember the fallen.

The Council would also like to thank all those who contributed to this year's display of knitted and crocheted poppies which has been displayed for

everyone to enjoy on the bridge over the River Ouzel. With heavy rain forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday, the poppies are likely to be taken down ahead of schedule so that they can be preserved for use again in future years.

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