

Anniversary of the Great War.
1914-19.

Victory March
and
Welcome Home
of the
Men of Abingdon.

August 4th, 1919.

Order of the Proceedings.

11.30 a.m.

Men who have served to muster on the Radley Road near the Roman Catholic Church.

11.40 a.m.

Preceded by the Town Band the column will march down the Vineyard through Stert Street to the Town Hall. The men will be formed up in three sides of a hollow square around the platform and facing the Town Hall.

12 a.m.

The Mayor and Corporation proceed from the Guild Hall to the Town Hall and on their arrival upon the Dais the Band plays the National Anthem. The men and the assembled children joining.

12.5 p.m.

The Mayor expresses the thanks of the Townspeople and offers the Official Welcome to the Men.

12.10 p.m.

Captain William Aldworth, D.S.O., thanks the Mayor on behalf of the men and then calls for Three Cheers for the Mayor.

12.15 p.m.

The Column preceded by the Band then proceeds by way of East St. Helen's Street and West St. Helen's Street to High Street wheeling by the left into High Street. On reaching the Post Office the band ceases to play and the column is marched to "Attention." As the head of the column reaches the "Square" the Salvation Army Band plays "Rock of Ages" and the column receives the command "Eyes Right" as the Memorial to "Our Glorious Dead" is passed.

12.20 p.m.

The Town Band resumes its playing as the end of the column reaches the Town Clerk's house and proceeds on the march down the length of Ock Street through Spring Road and Park Road and thence via Broad Street and Stert Street to the Market Place where the men file into the Corn Exchange.

THE CHILDREN'S TRIBUTE.

11.15 a.m.

The Children assemble in the Market Place and form up around the Queen's Statue and facing the Town Hall,

12 p.m.

Upon the arrival of the Mayor and Corporation the Band plays and the children join with the men in signing the National Anthem.

12.15 p.m.

The Band precedes the men and proceeds to march through East St. Helen's Street and West St. Helen's Street into High Street wheeling by the Left into High Street. The children follow in order to the "Square." Arriving there they take station around the Cross and facing it. The Salvation Army Band then plays and the children sing "O God our help in ages past." The children then place their trophies of Flowers on the Memorial.

12.30 p.m.

The Children then proceed in order through Bury Street to the Market Place and line up to await the return of the men. As the men file into the Corn Exchange the children give them a round of Cheers. The Band plays one stanza of the National Anthem. The children then dismiss.

Special Notes.

1. A Conveyance will be in the Market Place at 11.30 to pick up disabled men unable to march.
2. The Children are asked to bring Wreaths and Bunches of Flowers. Friends of the men are also invited to place Floral offerings on the Memorial.