



2017 Richmond Civic Remembrance Service

On November 11th, Richmond Synagogue held its unique Annual Service of Civic Remembrance and Reconciliation. A congregation of more than 140 included local dignitaries, clergy and leaders of Help for Heroes, Combat Stress and the Royal British Legion, to commemorate those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and in more recent times. The poignancy of the day was all the more apparent by the presence of representatives of many faiths, and those of no faith, all united with a common purpose of reconciliation and the promotion of peace.

Amongst those attending were Zac Goldsmith MP, former MP Sarah Olney, Cllr. Lisa Blakemore, Mayor of Richmond; Deputy Lord Lieutenant Gillian Norton OBE, and 9 Richmond councillors. Clergy and lay members of the Anglican, Hindu, Islamic, Roman Catholic and Sikh faiths were also present, as well as those of no faith.

The service was conducted by Richmond Synagogue's Rabbi Meir Shindler whose sermon highlighting the concept of Remembrance and Reconciliation; emphasising that Remembrance is something that must be constantly renewed and must not now, nor ever, be consigned to history.

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