

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT THE MAZARGUES COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

13 November 2016



The British and Commonwealth War Cemetery Mazargues in the 9th Arrondissement of Marseille.

This morning after worship at All Saints' many of us gathered again with members of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Navy, the French Standard Bearers Association, citizens and ex-pats of Marseille, and friends at the British and Commonwealth War Cemetery Mazargues in the 9th Arrondissement of Marseille.

Mr Andrew Buchanan, former Chairman of the Cannes-Provence Branch of the Royal British Legion made most of the preparations. He was coordinator with the President on the French Standard Bearers Association, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, UK Embassy's British defence Attaché in Paris, and our British Consulate in Marseille.



The wreath presenters.

Ian Craig Head groundskeeper of the Mazargues Cemetery and Western Europe Area for the Commonwealth War Graves

Commission ensured that the cemetery was in excellent condition and that the gates were open early for us. Lt Cdr Peter Noblett RN, UK Exchange Officer Escadrille with the Sous-marins Nucléaires d'attaque in BCRM Toulon represented Her Majesty's forces.

The service started at 10h55 and exactly 11h00, wreaths were laid by Mr Buchanan, Lt Cdr Noblett, and, on behalf of the All Saints' congregation by Mrs Rhonda Peck. Mrs Elizabeth Bernasconi from our congregation read the scripture reading and Mrs Roxana Teana Teleman assisted our Fr David in the singing of the hymns. The service lasted just over 45 minutes but under the clear Mediterranean warm sun it was a beautiful fine day for gathering to commemorate and remember.



Members of the French Standard Bearers Association stand on guard.

The Remembrance worship service.

