



Bells of Peace: 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day

Based on reports from the Canadian Legion, along with notes from Jim O'Shea ...

At sundown on November 11th, communities across Canada marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with the ringing of 100 bells. This event emulated the moment in 1918 when church bells across Europe tolled as four years of war ended.



A soundwave of bells across the nation told about the historical journey of Canada's service and sacrifice during the First World War. As these bells each tolled 100 times, Canadians were able to take this opportunity to collectively remember the 650,000 who served, plus the 66,000 killed, and more than 172,000 wounded in World War I.

The Bells of Peace initiative was developed by The Royal Canadian Legion, in partnership with the Government of Canada. At sunset on November 11, the bells rang at Parliament Hill, city halls, places of worship, military bases, naval vessels and at ceremonies across the country to honour Canada's Veterans and commemorate the end of the First World War.

In Apsley, the bell at St. George's Anglican Church rang 100 times and this task was shared by 20 sets of bell-ringers who shared the opportunity to participate in this event.

We will remember them.

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Photo Above: Families gather to ring St. George's Anglican church bell 100 times. Each individual had an opportunity to ring the bell 5 times each. On the right: Bob Burns read a Remembrance Day passage prior to the bell ringing.

Photo Below: Mary Brown/McCormick photographed performing one of the sets of five rings. Frank Pacheco assisted each individual or group to pull the bell rope.

Photos and captions by Jim O'Shea.

