Her late Majesty was one of the last veterans of the Second World War and the Nation remembered not only a beloved monarch but a generation who fought on behalf of us all when she died, Revd (Group Captain) Ruth Hake, Deputy Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Airforce, will say in her sermon for the service.

The queue for the lying-in-state at Westminster Hall provided an opportunity for people to remember their own losses, with some of those queuing being directly affected by Covid.

The Revd (Gp Capt) Hake will add that the ‘sacrifices, courage and suffering’ in Ukraine have also acted as a reminder of those who have fought and died in the First and Second World Wars.

“Remembering is important because it cements us as being part of a group, a family and a community,” she will say.
The National Service will be broadcast from RAF Northolt, where the Queen’s coffin arrived in a Royal Air Force aircraft from Edinburgh airport before heading to Buckingham Palace and later lying-in-state at Westminster Hall, in advance of the state funeral at Westminster Abbey.

The service will hear prayers for reconciliation between the nations and for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

There will be prayers for all those bear arms on behalf of the Nation; that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion, and for civilians who have served in conflict, giving thanks for their courage, skill and commitment.

The Act of Remembrance will be led by Group Captain Toria McPhaden ADC, Station Commander, RAF Northolt, before the sounding of the Last Post and one minute’s silence.

- The Church of England national online service is streamed at 9am every Sunday on the Church of England’s Facebook and YouTube channels.
- Hundreds of thousands of people have watched the service, with an estimated 7,000 tuning in each week or listening via the Daily Hope phoneline.
- Services this year have come from cathedrals, housing estates, rural churches and even an RNLI Lifeboat.