



SHAVINGTON CUM GRESTY
PARISH COUNCIL



VE 80

**COMMEMORATIVE BEACON
LIGHTING CEREMONY**

THURSDAY 8 MAY

 9.00pm - ST MARK'S CHURCH FIELD

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council
VE 80 Beacon Lighting Ceremony Order of Service
Thursday 8 May 2025

Introduction & Welcome

Read by a representative of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council.

VE 80 Poems

Read by representatives of Shavington Academy & Shavington Primary School.

Hymn - I Vow to Thee, My County

Led by Singers at St Mark's and Shavington Academy Choir.

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

VE80 Tribute

Read by a representative of Cheshire East Council.

Act of Remembrance The Exhortation

Read by a representative of Woodnoth-cum-Shavington WI.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All We will remember them.

The Last Post

Lament

2 Minutes Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

Read by a representative of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council.

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Lighting of Beacon

National Anthem

Led by a representative of Shavington Village Festival Committee.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Closing Words

Read by a representative of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council.



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