



## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL**

**A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION AND  
COMMENDATION FOR THOSE WHO  
SERVED ON THE HOME FRONT DURING THE  
SECOND WORLD WAR**

**Sunday 5 March 2000  
at 3.00pm**



**SURREY**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

## **MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

**Surrey Army Cadet Force Band Directed by Bob Wilson**

A Selection of Music from the 1940s

*Other music provided by:*

The Guildford Philharmonic Choir Directed by Jeremy Backhouse

Guildford Cathedral

Stephen Farr

Organist and Master of the Choristers

## **BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Members of the congregation are respectfully asked to be seated by 2.40 p.m. and to remain in their places until directed to move by one of the stewards.

By 2.45 p.m. the Civic Dignitaries of the County, having assembled in the Narthex, proceed to their places in the Nave.

At 2.48 p.m. the Chief Executive of Surrey County Council, Mr Paul Coen, arrives at the Cathedral and is greeted in the Narthex by the Sub Dean.

At 2.50 p.m. the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, Councillor Dr Robert Blundell and Mrs Blundell, arrive at the Cathedral and are met at the West Door by the Sub Dean.

At 2.53 p.m. the Chairman of Surrey County Council Mrs Heather D. Hawker DL, is greeted in the Narthex by the Sub Dean.

At 2.54pm the High Sheriff of Surrey Mr. Peter Nutting and Mrs Nutting arrive at the Cathedral and are met in the Narthex by the Sub Dean.

At 2.55 p.m. the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mrs Sarah Goad and Mr Goad, are met at the West Door of the Cathedral by the Sub Dean.

## THE PROCESSION

Virger

Visiting Clergy

Canon Eric James

The Residentiary Canons

Virger

The Chief Executive of Guildford Borough Council and Mrs Watts

The Mayor of Guildford and Mrs Blundell

The Chief Executive of Surrey County Council

The Chairman of Surrey County Council

The High Sheriff of Surrey and Mrs Nutting

The Dean's Virger

The Sub Dean

The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey and Mr Goad

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Congregation is asked to stand as the Procession moves down the Nave. When all are in their places the Hymn is sung.*

### HYMN

3

*u* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
health and salvation:  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

*H* Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.

2

*H* Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth.  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or  
when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

4

*u* Praise to the Lord! O let all that is  
in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come  
now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

*Words: J Neander Tr. Catherine Winkworth Music: P Sohren's edition of  
Praxis pietatis melica, 1688*

*All please sit.*

*The Sub Dean welcomes the Congregation and reads the Bidding Prayer*

The contribution of the Armed Forces and other uniformed organisations to World War II has been clearly recognised. But many others gave up their home lives, their personal freedom and their security to serve on the Home Front. They included the Women's Land Army and Timber Corps, the miners and Bevin Boys who worked underground, the munitions and industrial workers, and many other civilians whose homes and workplaces were often the targets for enemy bombs. Some were volunteers, others were conscripted. Their courage and quiet dedication kept this country going through the darkest days of the war.

Those people and organisations were not formally recognised and thanked by the nation at the time, and we owe it to them to put that omission right. We are indeed grateful to them; many were then young; most of them are now entering old age. They set aside their personal ambitions and plans for the common good, and thereby set an example to our society. We now look to the younger generation to take up the story and pass it on.

St Paul wrote: "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others". In gratitude to Almighty God for the past and in trust for the future, let us pray together in the words our Saviour taught us:

**All: Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **LOOKING BACK IN THANKSGIVING**

Short reminiscences contributed by people who served on the Home Front

### **INTERLUDE**

‘Amazing Grace’

Surrey Army Cadet Force Band

Solo piper from the Surrey Pipe Band

### **FIRST READING**

*read by Sir Richard Thornton KCVO OBE JP DL*

Zechariah 8: 1-8

And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: If it is marvellous in the sight of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in my sight, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and righteousness.”

## HYMN

4

Through all the changing scenes of life O make but trial of his love:  
In trouble and in joy, Experience will decide  
The praises of my God shall still How blest are they, and only they,  
My heart and tongue employ. Who in his truth confide.

2

O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt his name;  
When in distress to him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

5

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service your delight,  
Your wants shall be his care.

3

The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance he affords to all  
Who on his succour trust.

6

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

Words: *N Tate and N Brady*

Music: *Sir G Smart, 1776-1867*

*Please sit.*

## SECOND READING

*read by Mrs Heather D Hawker DL  
Chairman of Surrey County Council*

Philippians 2: 3-11

Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## ANTHEM

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Sir C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)*

# **LOOKING FORWARD IN HOPE**

## **SERMON**

Canon Eric James, D.D.  
formerly Chaplain to HM The Queen

“Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire  
and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place”  
(Psalm 66, verse 11)

## HYMN

*during which a Collection will be taken for Surrey Charities*

1

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

2

O let me feel thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

3

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

4

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

5

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

*Words: J. E. Bode*

*Music: W H Ferguson*

*Please kneel or sit.*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for those who served on the Home Front during the Second World War and pray that their example may inspire us to meet the challenges of our own day.

For all who served on the Home Front, enduring danger, privation and separation from those they loved:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

For men and women whose efforts in agriculture, industry and munitions enabled the nation to survive, and to defeat the enemy:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

For the ambulance and fire services, for all who tended the wounded, and for those who dealt with the worst effects of the bombing:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

For mothers, and all who cared for children, or who provided practical and moral support for those engaged in the war effort:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

For those who prepared to defend our island against the invader:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

For all on the Home Front who experienced physical or mental suffering as a consequence of the war, and who bore that suffering courageously:

**All: We thank you, O Lord.**

*Short silence*

Give us, Lord, a strong attachment to freedom, honesty and truth, that we may resist tyranny and uphold justice:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Enable us to take the part of those whose lives are blighted by war, civil strife or terrorism, and help us to give them reason to hope for better things:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Help us never to take for granted the labours of those who struggle to produce our food, or who do tedious and sometimes dangerous industrial jobs to supply our wants:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Teach us, and all the nations, to work together, that war and want may become things of the past:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Inspire us by the example of those who served on the Home Front, that we may live in a society where each looks to the needs of others and seeks the common good.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve: to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## HYMN

O thou who camest from above  
The fire celestial to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire  
And still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat;  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

*Words: C Wesley*

*Music: S.S. Wesley*

*Remain standing*

## THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Reader 1    Inspired by the example of those on the Home Front who kept the flame of hope alive during the darkest days of the Second World War let us re-dedicate our lives to the cause of freedom, peace and mutual support.

Reader 2    Lord, make me an instrument of your peace –  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
where there is darkness, light.

**All            Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for in giving, we receive,  
in pardoning, we are pardoned,  
and in dying we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## HYMN

1

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he  
guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he  
buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3

God's great goodness aye  
endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend  
him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4

Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

5

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
we who follow shall not fall.

*Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*  
*Based on the German of J Neander (1650-80)*

## THE BLESSING

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(arr. Sir Edward Elgar)

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

**O Lord our God, arise,  
Scatter our enemies,  
And make them fall;  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks;  
On thee our hopes we fix:  
God save us all.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

*Members of the Congregation are asked to remain in their places until the Procession has left.*

Music after the Service:

Imperial March - Elgar

## Acknowledgements

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