



City of London Salute to the Battle of Britain and RAF World War II Veterans

Tuesday 7th September 2010
11 am



The St Paul's Cathedral Consort is conducted by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music.

The Organ is played before the service by Donald Hunt, Organ Scholar and during the service by Timothy Wakerell, Sub-Organist.

Before and after the service the St Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers ring Stedman Cinques.

The Central Band of the RAF Band is directed by Wing Commander Duncan Stubbs MMus FRSM ARCM LGSM RAF, Principal Director of Music Royal Air Force Music Services, by kind permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

The Fanfare Trumpeters of the Central Band of the Royal Air Force are directed by Sergeant Paul Sutton AGSM LTCL RAF, by kind permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

Before the service a Lining Party is formed on the West Steps from RAF Queen's Colour Squadron and Air Cadets from the local area.

The Queen's Colour of the RAF is borne by Flying Officer Matthew Bowerman RAF, escorted by Sergeant Paul Rushby RAF and Sergeant Michael Stephen Healey RAF.

Band music before the service

<i>Battle of Britain March</i>	Ron Goodwin (1925-2003)
<i>Ad Astra</i>	Barrie Hingley RAF (b. 1938)
<i>Lord Mayor's Delight</i> from <i>Four Old Colonial Songs</i>	James Curnow (b. 1943)
<i>Intermezzo from Folk Song Suite</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
<i>Elegy on the RAF March Past</i>	Barrie Hingley RAF (b. 1938)

Organ music before the service

<i>Adagio from Symphonie No. 5</i>	Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)
<i>Tocatta and Fugue in D minor (BWV 538) 'The Dorian'</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Rhapsody No. 3 in C sharp minor</i>	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

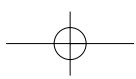
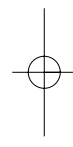
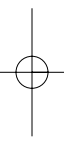
At 10.45 am remain seated as the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London proceed from the Dean's Aisle to the Great West Doors.

At 10.50 am the Lord Mayor is received by the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London at the Great West Doors.

At 10.52 am remain seated as the Choir, the College of Minor Canons, Visiting Clergy, the College of Canons and the Preacher proceed from the Dean's Aisle to their places in the Quire.

At 10.55 am His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent is received by the Lord Mayor at the foot of the West Steps and is conducted to the Great West Doors, where he is received by the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London.

At 10.57 am the Lord Mayor proceeds to his seat under the Dome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

*The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.*

At 11 am stand as a fanfare is sounded.

Hymn

during which His Royal Highness is escorted by the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London to his seat under the Dome.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: *St Denio*
Adapted from setting in
John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegre* 1839

Bidding

given by

The Dean

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

We come to this Cathedral today, on this the seventieth anniversary of the first bombing raid on this City, to remember before God all who took part in the Battle of Britain in the autumn of 1940. As we stand in this building, which itself stood as a national icon of defiance and hope amidst conflict and uncertainty, we pray for all those who hold memories of a campaign which protected this Island from invasion. We give thanks for the bravery and service of the members of the Royal Air Force as well as those who supported them from the land, especially for those who gave of their time to protect the life and heritage of our homes and cities. We recall too the cost of the campaign, commending to God those whose lives were taken in service and innocence in the struggle for power and freedom.

So, mindful of all that has been and commending our future into the hands of Almighty God, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Laying-up of the Colour

led by

The Dean

The Band plays a march, during which the Colour is presented at the Dome Altar.

March from Battle of Britain Suite

William Walton (1902-83)
arr. Barrie Hingley RAF (b. 1938)

It is an ancient and laudable custom to lay up in the House of God the consecrated emblems of our duty and service, there to remain for all time as a reminder of duty well done and of the strength that God supplies.

Air Chief Marshal Simon Bryant CBE MA RAF Commander-in-Chief, Air Command, then takes the Colour and says

Mr Dean, I ask you to receive the Queen's Colour for safe lodging in the House of God until such a time it shall pass to dust like those whose courage and devotion are enshrined in its history.

The Dean says

We receive this Colour into the safe keeping of God's House, here to hang for all time as a reminder to those who pass by of our duty to God, to our Sovereign, and to our country.

The Choir sings

Anthem

during which the Colour is laid on the Altar.

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came;
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

Almighty and Everlasting God, giver of all strength and grace, and Captain of our Salvation, we offer in this thy House the symbol of our faithfulness. May thy blessing rest on those who have borne it unsullied through the years, and may it ever remain a sign of that unity which springs from the acceptance of thy grace, who are with the Son and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Reflection

read by

Emily Carter,

who served as Fire Control Staff, Westminster School, during the Blitz

In his book, 'Memories and Meanings', Walter Matthews, Dean of this Cathedral, wrote 'It was a golden, peaceful evening, and, as the light faded from the sky, the angry red glow in the east, diversified by leaping flames, dominated the prospect, while from time to time the peculiar thud of bursting bombs punctured the silence. We were a silent company as we gazed upon this apocalyptic scene, each no doubt pondering many things. We wondered how long it would be before the attack moved westwards to the heart of London. We feared that the whole port of London was being annihilated. At last someone spoke, 'It is like the end of the world,' and someone else replied, 'It is the end of a world.' I wondered if it really was. Shortly afterwards Godfrey Allen and I stood alone on the same

colonnade to see the first small night attack on central London. It was a kind of trial run and possibly only one bomber engaged. But there seemed to be no opposition and the enemy plane dropped two bombs in a line which pointed at the Cathedral. We waited for the third bomb - it fell and exploded further off. We said nothing to each other, except some banality like 'off the mark', but to me at least the experience was significant. I learnt, perhaps partly from Allen, that one could be frightened without being paralysed by fear and indeed might become more alert and alive when faced with the danger of death.'

The Choir sings

Anthem

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus;
Steal away, steal away home - I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder,
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I han't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stand a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus;
Steal away, steal away home - I ain't got long to stay here.

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: from *A Child of Our Time*
arr. Michael Tippett (1905-98)

Reflection

read by

Cadet Warrant Officer Michael Evans,
344 (Fulham) Squadron of the Air Training Corp

Dean Matthews continues 'The concerted air attacks in which London was perhaps the chief target began on August 8th, 1940, and ended on October 31st, the same year. The plan took the form, it seemed, of four distinct attacks. The first attack, which lasted ten days and nights, was directed against sea ports, shipping and aerodromes near the coast. Wave after wave of bombers, protected by swarms of fighters, was launched with the aim of overwhelming and putting out of action British defences. These ten days of incessant conflict were the Battle of Britain. We guessed then, and we know now, that the Luftwaffe had good reason for expecting victory and would have gained it but for the incredible courage, resolution and skill of 'the few'. The second attack followed on August 19th, 1940, and lasted until September 5th. It was primarily on inland industrial areas and was relatively ineffective. Then followed attacks three and four, both mainly aimed at London.'

The Choir sings

Anthem

O, by and by,
I'm going to lay down my heavy load.

I know my robe's going to fit me well,
I've tried it on at the gates of hell.

O, hell is deep and a dark despair,
O, stop, poor sinner, and don't go there!

O, by and by,
I am going to lay down my heavy load.

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: from *A Child of Our Time*
arr. Michael Tippett (1905-98)

Old Testament Reading

read by

The Reverend Canon Giles Fraser,
Canon Chancellor, Canon in Residence

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,
his majesty from the beginning.
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,
and made a name for themselves by their valour;
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;
those who led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;
they were wise in their words of instruction;
those who composed musical tunes,
or put verses in writing;
rich men endowed with resources,
living peacefully in their homes -
all these were honoured in their generations,
and were the pride of their times.
Some of them have left behind a name,
so that others declare their praise.
But of others there is no memory;
they have perished as though they had never existed;
they have become as though they had never been born,
they and their children after them.
But these also were godly men,
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;
their wealth will remain with their descendants,
and their inheritance with their children's children.
Their descendants stand by the covenants;
their children also, for their sake.
Their offspring will continue for ever,
and their glory will never be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on generation after generation.
The assembly declares their wisdom,
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Ecclesiasticus 44. 1-5

The Choir sings

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth:
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth:
are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things:
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow:
as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea:
through the east wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God:
God upholdeth the same for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Chant: John Goss (1800-80)

New Testament Reading

read by

Air Marshal Philip Sturley CB MBE BSc FRAeS
President of RAFA

Jesus said, 'If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

John 15. 10-13

Stand

Hymn

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: *Truro*
Psalmodia Evangelica 1789

Sermon

given by

The Venerable Ray Pentland,
Chaplain-in-Chief (RAF) and Archdeacon for the Royal Air Force

The Choir sings

Anthem

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud:
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants:
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

Music: *Te Deum in G*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Remain seated or kneel

The Prayers

led by

The Reverend Jason Rendell,
Minor Canon and Sacrist

The Reverend Gordon Craig,
Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief (Training)
and Principal Chaplain Church of Scotland and Free Churches (RAF)

The Reverend Paul Owens,
Senior Chaplain, RAF Cosford
and Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain (RAF)

Let us thank God for the freedoms we enjoy: recalling with gratitude the courage of those who in war served the cause of liberty, especially those who gave their lives so that we might live to the full.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Let us give thanks for the service rendered in peace and in conflict to the peoples of this and of other countries by the Royal Air Force, the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force: for peace preserved, for peril averted.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, praying especially for the Queen and Government of this land. We pray that they may uphold the value of freedom and that they may preserve peace and the dignity of human rights.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peoples and communities of the world. We pray for those whose lives are torn apart through warfare, violence and terrorism and we pray for the work of all peacekeepers and reconcilers.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who serve today in the Royal Air Force and the Forces of the Crown, especially for those currently on active military duty. We pray for their safety and well-being as we give thanks for their devotion and courage.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for all those whose memory we recall today: for the veterans of civilian and military life who fearlessly gave of their all in the service of their country and neighbour during the Battle of Britain.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

As we give thanks to God for the freedom and peace in which we live we dedicate ourselves to building a world in which there is justice and peace for all, and where men, women, and children love their neighbours as themselves and we all play our part in establishing justice in our community.

**In the name of God
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we pledge ourselves to work for peace:
peace in our homes,
peace in our communities,
peace in the world.
Amen.**

Stand

Hymn

during which the Colour is taken to be laid up in the Crypt and a collection is taken for the RAF Association. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer.

**Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

**Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.**

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)

Tune: *Moscow*
adapted from F. Giardini (1716-96)

Remain standing

Act of Remembrance

led by

The Dean

'The gratitude of every home in our Island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to the British airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

Words: Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

A siren is sounded and a minute's silence is kept.

Sergeant Gail Evans, RAF School of Administration *says*

Think of them. You did not die as these
Caged in an aircraft that did not return.
Whenever hearts have song and minds have peace
Or in your eyes the prides of banner burn,
Think of those who dreamed and loved as you
And gave their laughter, gave their sun and snow,
Their grave blessed by their native dew
That you would live. To them this debt you owe.
Their glory shines about the sky forever,
Though in these things they left to you, the ghost
Should haunt your field of ease and resting river.
Their lives are ended, but dreams are not yet lost
If you remember in your laugh and song
These boys who do not sing and laughed not long.

Words: Herbert Corby RAF (b. 1911)

Henry Irons, Veteran, Bomber Command, says

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

We will remember them.

The Blessing

given by

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Richard Chartres,
The Bishop of London

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The National Anthem

**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!**

**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!**

Words: Anon.

Music: *Thesaurus Musicus* (c. 1743)
arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Remain standing as the band plays and the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London escort His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent to the Great West Doors.

The Lord Mayor proceeds to the Great West Doors.

The Choir, the College of Minor Canons, Visiting Clergy, the College of Canons and the Preacher return to the Dean's Aisle.

Band music after the service

Spitfire Prelude

William Walton (1902-83)

Organ music after the service

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
arr. George Martin (1844-1916)

Please remain seated until asked to leave by a Wandsman or Steward.

Those taking part in the March Past are invited to leave the Cathedral by the North Transept and North West Door to form up in the North Churchyard.

The Parade will step-off from the North side of the Cathedral at 12.33 pm.

At 12.34 pm there will be a flypast by a Dakota and then at 12.35 pm a flypast by a Lancaster and Spitfire as part of the Salute.

The collection at today's service is taken for the work of the RAF Association.

The RAF Association's Wings Appeal supports serving and ex-RAF personnel and their families. Whether it's an injured airman fighting to get back onto his feet, a young child missing their parent away on overseas operations or a WWII veteran needing a shoulder to lean on, they are there to help.

It is also a membership organisation. With around 71,000 members and 480 branches in the United Kingdom, throughout Europe and further afield, offering friendship, help and support to the whole RAF family.

As time progresses, the needs of the RAF family have changed and the RAF Association continues to expand its welfare services working closely with the RAF Community Support Team to develop initiatives and to help the serving community.

Recent developments include financial assistance and refurbishment of RAF Contact Houses, which are a vital welfare facility that can accommodate families during personal crisis.

Our 'Storybook Wings' project enables serving personnel going 'out of area' to record a bedtime story for their children which is then professionally edited and sound effects are added before the completed CD is sent to the child. Storybook Wings combined with funding towards internet cafes on RAF stations enables families to stay in touch and feel closer to loved ones who might be stationed abroad.

Following the success of these initiatives, even more have been implemented, including assistance with integrated welfare facilities, the provision of new recruit clubs and help to integrate those leaving the Royal Air Force back into society.

The RAF Association's latest initiative is the Miles More Minutes campaign which aims to give more free telephone talk time to RAF personnel deployed on operations overseas, such as Afghanistan, enabling them to stay more in touch with their families while they are away.

Help and Support is also a vital part of the role played by the Association and much of this is delivered locally by a network of more than 600 Honorary Welfare Officers.

These are volunteers who seek and identify current and past members of the RAF who need support and the help they give on their visits varies enormously. It can mean anything from conversation and comradeship, to preparing and submitting application forms for financial assistance.

It may be that for someone with long term needs, a respite break - either for them or their carer - is a vital part of their welfare requirements. The Association, with financial assistance from the RAF Benevolent Fund, runs three respite care homes. These homes are Richard Peck House in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire; Flowerdown House in Weston-super-Mare; and Rothbury House in Rothbury, Northumberland.

There is also a network of sheltered housing and warden assisted accommodation across the UK.

Something for Everyone

While the RAF Association is delighted to provide quality care when needed, for any past and present members of the RAF and their dependants, many members are just looking for the friendship and 'esprit-de-corps' that the organisation has to offer.

To find out more, telephone 0116 266 5224, email enquiries@rafa.org.uk or visit the website at www.rafa.org.uk

