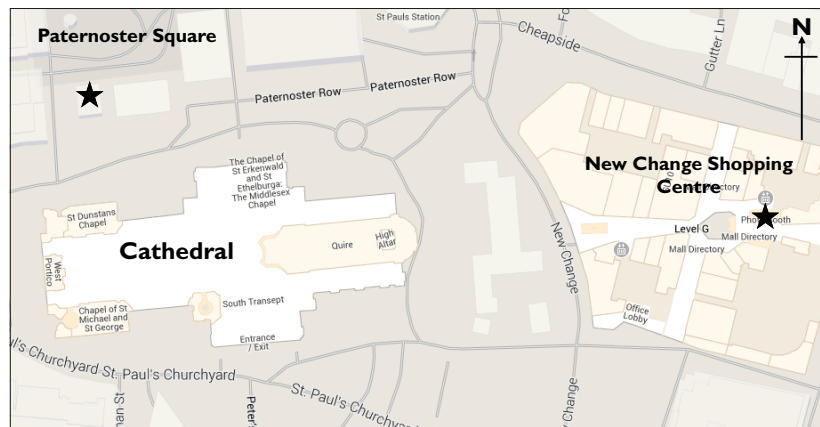


The Chapel of St Faith

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the ending of hostilities in Borneo and Re-dedication of the Memorial Plaque of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association



★ = Public Toilets

Our toilets are currently closed for essential refurbishment. Public toilets can be found in Paternoster Square and in New Change Shopping Centre. These are marked in the map. Please bear with us while we improve our facilities.



Thursday 28th April 2016
11 am

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are a Fairtrade Cathedral and use fairly traded communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist, and this order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.

The Cathedral Consort is conducted by Simon Johnson, Organist and Assistant Director of Music. The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

Music before the Service

Passacaglia in C minor (BWV 582)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



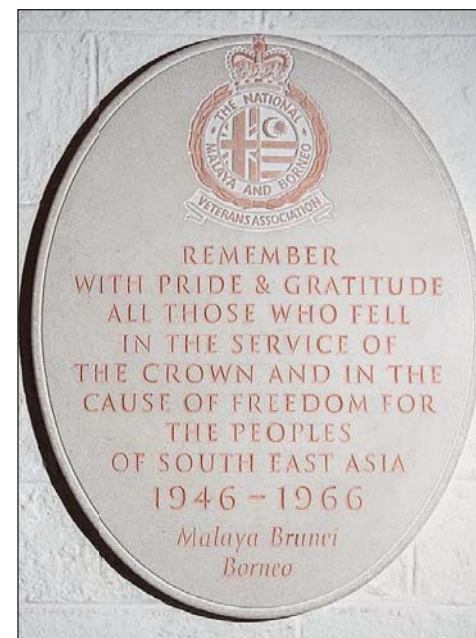
As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

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Should you wish to purchase *Reflections*, the book of poetry which includes the poem *The Man Beside Me*, it will be on sale at the Mansion House or via the NMBVA Website www.nmbva.co.uk

The National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association (NMBVA) was founded on 1st June 1994. Its motto is 'Bono Animo Este' 'Be Of Good Courage'. Its aims are to bring together in true comradeship those who served in Malaya, Borneo, Republic of Singapore, and Brunei Darussalam, during WWII, the Dutch East Indies Insurrection (Java, Sumatra), the Malayan Emergency and the Brunei Insurrection, the Borneo Indonesian Confrontation and thereafter in the above Countries.

The Association Plaque being re-dedicated today was unveiled on 21st April 2005 by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. Various plaques throughout the country, as well as the memorial in the National Arboretum, are dedicated to the memory of our comrades who did not return.



The Blessing

given by

The Canon in Residence

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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.**

Remain standing as the Ministers and Choir depart, after which you are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat (BWV 552ii)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please take this order of service away with you
to reflect on the readings and prayers and as a reminder of your visit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

Bidding

led by

The Reverend Canon Mark Oakley,
Chancellor, Canon in Residence

We come to this Chapel of St Faith-under-St Paul's today to remember before God those who served in Malaya, Borneo, Singapore and Brunei during the Second World War, the Malayan Emergency, and The Confrontation and thereafter in the cause of peace and security, and to reflect upon our common humanity and the need for unity.

We give thanks for the commitment of our Service personnel, aid agencies and support organisations to friend and to stranger, and for the skill and expertise with which they have striven for peace and the common good.

We commemorate with sorrow and regret those who have died, and in thanksgiving for their sacrifice and as a perpetual tribute to their bravery and courage in the face of danger we re-dedicate the memorial plaque in the Crypt of this Cathedral. Alongside those we commemorate today, we also pray for this Veterans Association, its members both past and present.

And we pray for the nations of South East Asia, for their people and their leaders, remembering the fear and death and loss that they too have known, and the political and religious tensions that continue today.

We also pray for ourselves and for men and women of peace throughout the world: that in all we do we may work for peace and goodwill, that hearts and minds may be turned away from hatred towards the vision of a world where barriers are broken down and love overcomes fear.

All these our thoughts and prayers we gather together,
praying the words that 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.**

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for those whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

during which a collection is taken for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.



**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams (1717-91)
trans. Peter Williams (1727-96) and others

Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*
John Hughes (1873-1932)

The Association Prayer

We give you hearty thanks, most merciful Father,
that you have put into the hearts of these your servants
to join together in the fellowship
of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association
to desire to carry out its aims.
Let your Fatherly hand ever be over them,
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them
and so guide their councils that they may set forth your glory,
and help forward all your great works
to which they have given themselves;
so that by their witness and their labours
the spirit of love and comradeship
among those who have served
may be advanced in this place,
and loyalty to their Country
may be established here on a sure foundation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

Hymn



**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: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: *St Denio*
from John Roberts's *Caniadau y Cyssegre* (1839)

Sit

Reading

read by

General Sir Garry Johnson, KCB, OBE, MC

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Micah 4. 1-5

Psalm 85. 8-13

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me:
for he shall speak peace unto his people,
and to his saints, that they turn not again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him:
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness:
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him:
and he shall direct his going in the way.

For justice and harmony in our world, for an end to war and conflict, for the leaders of all nations and peoples, and for those who foster reconciliation.

God of mercy

hear our prayer.

For the unity of all Christian people, for the Church of God in every land, for all who seek God and the truth, and for all who follow the way of conscience with integrity.

God of mercy

hear our prayer.

For the Service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

God of mercy

hear our prayer.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

God of mercy

hear our prayer.

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are lost or disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in sorrow the anger and hatreds of humanity.

God of mercy

hear our prayer.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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

Anthem

They are at rest.
We may not stir the heav'n of their repose
By rude invoking voice, or prayer address
In waywardness to those
Who in the mountain grotts of Eden lie,
And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.

And soothing sounds
Blending with the neighb'ring waters as they glide;
Posted along the haunted garden's bounds,
Angelic forms abide,
Echoing, as words of watch, o'er lawn and grove
The verses of that hymn which Seraphs chant above.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90)

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Prayers

led by

The Reverend Rosemary Morton,
Minor Canon and Succentor

The Reverend Roger Perry,
NMBVA Chaplain

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace:

Remain seated or kneel

For peace on earth and goodwill among all people, for an end to injustice, terrorism and war, and for those charged with building the ways of peace.

God of mercy
hear our prayer.

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: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Poem

read by

Corporal Mohammed Din,
City of London Academy, Islington
(Honourable Artillery Company) Combined Cadet Force

Years draw on and memories dim
But in your mind you remember him
For he was the one who was by your side
When you wore your uniform with pride

You travelled far across the sea
To help a nation to be free
In jungle heat you made your stand
To drive the evil from this land

Surviving this would have been great
But that was not to be his fate
For in another day of strife
That bullet took away his life

No more will he now feel the pain
Of insect bites and monsoon rain
But he will know where ere he be
He helped that nation to be free

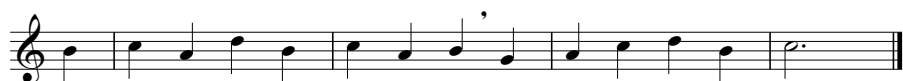
So let us think of him with pride
And all those others by his side
Out in that land so far away
There still remembered to this day

The Man Beside Me
from *The Book of Reflections*
by David Neil

Stand

Hymn

during which the wreathlaying party process to the plaque in the crypt. The congregation remain in their places.



**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its folk away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Tune: St Anne
attrib. William Croft (1678-1727)

Remain standing

The Re-dedication of the Plaque and Wreathlaying

The Canon in Residence says

In the faith of Jesus Christ we re-dedicate this memorial to the glory of God and to the abiding memory of those who gave their lives in the service of the crown and in the cause of freedom for the peoples of South East Asia; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A wreath is laid by a member of the NMBVA.

Silence is kept

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory.

Remain standing as the piper plays a lament and the wreathlaying party return to the Chapel.