

St George's Garrison Church

# ST GEORGE'S DAY

ORDER OF SERVICE



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 3.00pm

Grand Depot Road  
Woolwich SE18 6BW

## Presentation of Standards

### Our first hymn is Sing Hosanna

Give me joy in my heart,  
Keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart,  
I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart,  
Keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King. (Refrain)

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart,  
Keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the end of day.

(Refrain)

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart,  
Keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the end of day.

(Refrain)

Give me light in my heart, keep me shining,  
Give me light in my heart, I pray.  
Give me light in my heart,  
Keep me shining,  
Keep me shining till the end of day.

(Refrain)

## **Welcome Tim Barnes Chairman Woolwich Garrison Church Trust**

We are delighted to welcome you all to the Annual Service dedicated to our Patron Saint, St George. This Service is particularly targeted at youth groups, both those from the Armed Forces Cadets and civilian groups.

At a time when the world around us is beset by wars, famine and violence it is good to come together to celebrate what binds us together, to remember some of those whose moral example shows what can be achieved through peaceful means and to give thanks for the enormous blessings with which we are endowed by comparison with so many.

We are delighted that The Bishop of Woolwich, the Rev Adam Scott and the Rev Andrew White are here to participate in the Service.

## Prayers led by Rev Adam Scott

### St George's Prayer

O God who didst grant to St George strength and constancy in the various torments which he sustained for our Holy Faith; we beseech Thee to preserve , through his intercession, our faith from wavering and doubt so that we may serve Thee with a sincere heart faithfully unto death. Through Christ our Lord **Amen**

### Prayers for those caught up in conflict

We pray for the people caught up in the war In Iran and the Middle East and the safety of all people. Each prayer will be followed by a passage from Scripture

**We pray for innocent civilians impacted by the conflict, that they will experience God as a refuge and fortress** (Psalm 91 1-6,) *Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence. He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day; For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.*

**We pray for the protection of the persecuted church and people of Iran .** (Matthew: 5.10) *Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

**We pray for the restoration of order and security in Iran, Israel and throughout the Middle East** (Isaiah 32:17–18)

*And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting places.*

**We pray for the provision of urgently needed humanitarian aid to all who are suffering** (Psalm 146:7–9). *The Lord giveth food to the hungry. He looseth the prisoners and openeth the eyes of the blind. The Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down and loveth the righteous. The Lord preserveth the strangers and upholds the fatherless and widows.*

**We pray for comfort for those who are grieving, that they will be comforted** (Matthew: 5:4). *Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.*

**We pray for wisdom and guidance for all engaged in diplomacy, that their efforts lead to a just and lasting peace** (Proverbs: 2:6). *For the Lord giveth wisdom. Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding . He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to them that walk in integrity That he may guard the paths of judgement and preserve the ways of the saints.*

**We pray for leaders and authorities, that they act justly, love mercy and walk humbly** (Micah ;6:8). *The Lord hath showed thee, O man what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?*

**We pray for the world and the world wide church,** (Matthew 5:13-16). *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth to all them that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men that they may see your Father which is in heaven.*



## Our next Hymn is Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

## Introduction to theme of to-days Service

Bishop of Woolwich

It is the practice at this annual Service to celebrate those whose lives have shown examples of moral courage. Last year we celebrated the life of Martin Luther King and in 2024 that of Rosa Parks. This year and at a time of worrying evidence of anti-Semitism both in our country and in others, we commemorate the life and examples of moral courage in the Holocaust which was demonstrated by 3 individuals who risked their lives to save Jews, defy Nazi authority or maintain human dignity under extreme oppression. The 3 persons we remember come from the UK, Sweden and Germany

**Sir Nicholas Winton** was a British stockbroker who organized the "Czech Kindertransport," rescuing 669 children—primarily Jewish—from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, ensuring their safe passage to Britain.

**Raoul Wallenberg** was a Swedish diplomat in Budapest who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews by issuing protective Swedish passports and designating houses as extraterritorial, shielding them from deportation.

**Oskar Schindler** was a German businessman who used his factory to employ over 1,200 Jews, providing them with safety and preventing them from being sent to death camps.

Before we hear their stories, we will listen to the Band of the **RAF Air Cadets**

**RAF Air Cadets Performance.**

**Reading by a Cadet member of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade**

**Sir Nicholas George Winton** was born on 19 May 1909 and died on 1st July 2015 at the age of 106. He was a British stockbroker and humanitarian who helped to rescue refugee children, mostly Jewish, whose families had fled persecution by Nazi Germany . Born to German-Jewish parents who had immigrated to Britain at the beginning of the 20th century, Winton assisted in the rescue of 669 children from Czechoslovakia on the eve the Second World War. On a brief visit to Czechoslovakia, he helped compile a list of children in danger and, returning to Britain, he worked to fulfill the legal requirements of bringing the children to Britain and finding homes and sponsors for them. This operation was later known as the Czech Kindertransport (German for 'children's transport').

The British press celebrated him and dubbed him the British Schindler. In 2003, Winton was knighted by the Queen for services to humanity, in saving Jewish children from Nazi occupied Czechoslavia. In 2014, he was awarded the highest honour of the Czech Republic, the Order of the White Lion.

## Our next hymn is I vow to Thee my Country

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.

### Reading by an Army cadet

**Raoul Wallenberg** was born on 4th August 1912. He was a Swedish architect, businessman, diplomat and humanitarian. He saved thousands of Jews in German-occupied Hungary during the Holocaust from German Nazis and Hungarian fascists during the latter stages of World War 11, while serving as Sweden's special envoy in Budapest between July and December 1944.

Wallenberg issued protective passports and sheltered Jews in buildings which he declared as Swedish territory. It is estimated that the number of people granted protective paperwork was about 4,500 individuals, saved from the death camps.

On 17 January 1945, during the Siege of Budapest by the Red Army, agents of Smersh detained Wallenberg on suspicion of espionage. He was never seen again.

As a result of his successful efforts to rescue Hungarian Jews, Wallenberg has been the subject of numerous humanitarian honours in the decades following his presumed death. In 1981, US Congressman Tom Lantos, one of those saved by Wallenberg, sponsored a bill making him an honorary citizen of the United States; the second person ever to receive this honour, after Sir Winston Churchill. Wallenberg also became an honorary citizen of Hungary, Australia, the United Kingdom and Israel. In 1963, Yad Vashem designated Raoul Wallenberg as one of the Righteous Among the Nations.



## Our next reading is by a Scout

**Oskar Schindler** was born on 8 April 1908 and was a German industrialist and humanitarian who is credited with saving the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his enamelware and ammunition factories in German occupied Poland and Bohemia and Moravia.

Schindler grew up in Moravia, part of Czechoslovakia, and worked in several trades until he joined the Abwehr, the military intelligence service of Nazi Germany in 1936. Before the beginning of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1938, he collected information on railways and troop movements for the German government. He was arrested for espionage by the Czechoslovak government but was released under the terms of the Munich Agreement that year. He continued to collect information for the Nazis, working in Poland in 1939 before the invasion of Poland at the start of the Second World war.

He joined the Nazi Party in 1939. That same year, he acquired an enamelware factory in Krakow Poland, which employed at its peak in 1944 about 1,750 workers, of whom 1,000 were Jews. His Abwehr connections helped him protect his Jewish workers from deportation and death in the concentration camps. As time went on, he had to give Nazi officials ever larger bribes and gifts of luxury items obtainable only on the black market to keep his workers safe.

By July 1944, Germany was losing the war; the SS began closing down the easternmost concentration camps and deporting the remaining prisoners westward. Many were murdered at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Schindler convinced Amon Goth, SS Commandant of the concentration camp to allow him to move his factory to the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, thus sparing his workers from almost certain death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

Using names provided by a Jewish Ghetto police officer named Marcel Goldberg, Göth's secretary compiled and typed the list of 1,200 Jews who travelled to Bohemia in October 1944.

Schindler continued to bribe SS officials to prevent his workers' execution until the end of the Second World War in May 1945, by which time he had spent his entire fortune on assisting his Jewish employees.

Oskar Schindler died on 9 October 1974 , and was buried in Jerusalem on Mount Zion, the only former member of the Nazi Party to be honoured in this way. Oskar and his wife Emilie were named Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in 1993.



## Our next hymn is Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time,  
Walk upon Englands mountains green:  
And was the holy Lamb of God,  
On Englands pleasant pastures seen!

And did the Countenance Divine,  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here,  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold:  
Bring me my Arrows of desire:  
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold:  
Bring me my Chariot of fire!

I will not cease from Mental Fight,  
Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:  
Till we have built Jerusalem,  
In Englands green & pleasant Land.



## Some thoughts from the Bishop of Woolwich

### Hymn The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green: he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.



Final reading by **Cllr Linda Bird Mayor of Greenwich.**

## Peace by Henry Vaughan

My soul, there is a country afar beyond the stars,  
Where stands a wingéd sentry, All skilful in the wars;  
There, above the noise and danger, Sweet Peace sits  
crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger Commands the beauteous  
files.

He is thy gracious Friend, And—O my Soul awake!—  
Did in pure love descend , To die here for thy sake.  
If thou canst get but thither, There grows the flow'r of  
Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither, Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges  
For none can thee secure  
But One, who never changes,  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.



## Final prayers led by Rev Andrew White

### Prayers for our homes and family

Father God, we pray for our families and friends. Thank you that you already know them and love them completely.

We pray, too, for people who do not have a family or have been hurt by their family. Thank you that as Christians, we can all be a part of your family. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the good times we enjoy with our families; for the fun and the friendship; for the moments we feel deeply known and loved by each other. Help us cherish each member of our family. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

Dear Christ Jesus, Help our children to grow in faith, wisdom and character. Please help them to know you are always with them, especially in times of trouble. Thank you Lord, **Amen**

### Prayer for strength

Lord, we ask for Your strength. Help us to grow not weary in doing good, for we know that if we persevere, we will reap a harvest at the proper time. Help us to lean not on our own strength and understanding but on the power of Your Holy Spirit that is alive in all of us. Give us the courage and strength to follow the paths of righteousness **Amen**

**Prayer for the Royal Artillery** for whose men this church was built in 1863.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost everywhere lead thy people in the way of righteousness. Vouchsafe so as to lead the Royal Regiment of Artillery , that wherever they serve , on land or sea or in the air , they may win the glory of doing thy will **Amen**

**Let us pray together the prayer from the Sarum**

**Primer:**

God be in my head  
and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes  
and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth  
and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart  
and in my thinking;  
God be at my end  
and in my departing

**The Lord's Prayer**

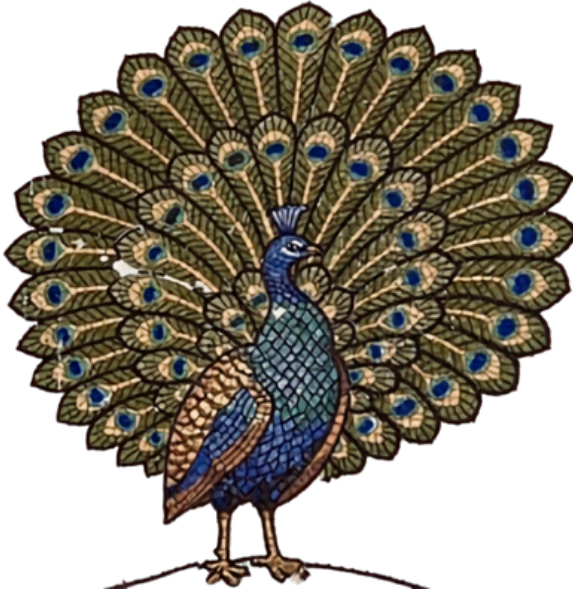
**The Blessing**

**National Anthem**

**Collection of Standards**



The congregation are invited  
to stay for light refreshments  
after the service



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