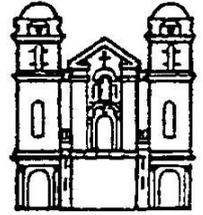
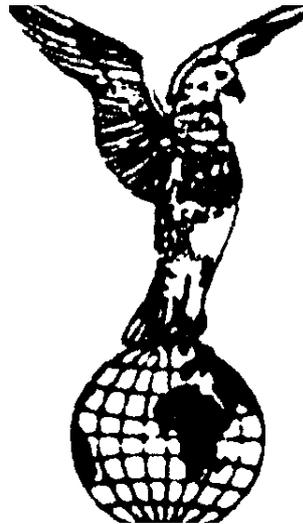


Welcome to the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester



BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY
19 September 2021
at 10.30 am



A Service of Thanksgiving
to commemorate those who fought in the **Battle of Britain**

attended by
HER MAJESTY'S LORD LIEUTENANT OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Mike Kappur

THE LORD MAYOR

Deepak Bajaj

and other distinguished representatives of the City and County

The Service conducted by The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Director of Music: Michael Rule

Organist: Guy Steed

Bugler: Mark Penny

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: 'Hanover' (101)

*During which the Colours are borne in procession
from the west end of the Church to the chancel step
and the Union Flag is carried to the Sanctuary and presented*

- 1 **O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

- 2 **O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

- 3 **The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

- 4 **Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

- 5 **Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

- 6 **O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Please sit

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION AND BIDDING PRAYER

concluding with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 stand to sing

PSALM 100

Tune 'Old 100th' (100)

Fanfare & play over

1 **All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

2 **The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

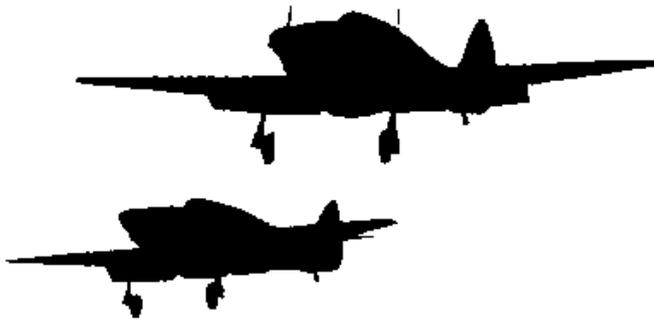
3 **Choir** **O enter then his gates with praise,
only** **approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

Fanfare

4 **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen**

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN RECALLED

Read by members of 1947 (Birstall) Squadron Air Training Corps



“... so few”

Please stand to sing

HYMN Words from Psalm 46 Tune Dambusters' March (MP 188)

- 1 **God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!**

- 2 **There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence -
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!**

- 3 **Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!**

Please sit

THE FIRST READING Isaiah chapter 40 verses 28 to 31
read by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kappur

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Please stand to sing

HYMN

Tune: 'Wareham' (296)

- 1 **Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;
his will obey, him serve aright;
for thee the saints uplift their voice:
fear not, O land, in God rejoice.**
- 2 **Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;
yea, love with thee shall make his home
until thou see God's kingdom come.**
- 3 **He shall forgive thy sins untold:
Remember thou his love of old;
walk in his way, his word adore,
and keep his truth for evermore.**

Please sit for

THE SECOND READING Philippians Chapter 4 verses 6 to 8
read by Deepak Bajaj, **The Lord Mayor**

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

ADDRESS

by the Vicar

ANTHEM So they gave their bodies Aston
Sung by the Choir of St James the Greater

At the end of the anthem please kneel or sit

PRAYERS

Stand to sing

HYMN

Tune: 'Slane' (343)

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

- 3 **Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

- 4 **Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

- 5 **High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

led by Neale Millett, Chairman of the Royal Air Force Association, Leicester

In friendship and in service one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all nations who died in the Royal Air Force and in the Air Forces of the Commonwealth.

In their name we give ourselves to this noble cause.

Proudly and thankfully, we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

The Last Post is sounded

SILENCE

The Reveille is sounded

Vicar

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear the prayers and thanksgivings for all 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.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing to sing

HYMN

Tune: 'Woodlands' (241)

- 1 **“Lift up your hearts!” We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
“Lift up your hearts!” E’en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**
- 2 **Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!**
- 3 **Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul!**

- 4 **Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**
- 5 **Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
“Lift up your hearts!” rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
“We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!”**

The Colour Party advance to the Chancel to receive back the Colours

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **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.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

***Please remain standing until the Vicar and Churchwardens
have escorted the distinguished visitors to the West Door,
preceded by the Choir and Colour Party.***

*Everyone is welcome to the Service of Remembrance
here on Sunday 14th November at 10.45am.*