

# Welcome to the Church of St James the Greater Leicester



### **BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY**

15 September 2013 at 10.30 am



A service of thanksgiving and rededication to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the Battle of Britain attended by

HER MAJESTY'S LORD LIEUTENANT OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Jennifer, Lady Gretton

THE LORD MAYOR

Councillor Mustafa Kamal

THE CHAIRMAN OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Rosita Page

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Sally Bowie

THE HIGH BAILIFF OF LEICESTER

Councillor Ted Cassidy

and other distinguished representatives of the City and County

The Service conducted by the Vicar, The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
The Enderby Youth Band conducted by Trevor Hounsome
The Choir conducted by Matthew Haynes
The Organ played by Michael Rule

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

During which the Colours are borne in procession from the west end of the Church to the chancel step, where the Colours halt.

Tune: 'Hanover' (101)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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

ΑII

Tune 'Old 100th' (100)

during which the Colours are carried to the Sanctuary and presented there

### Fanfare and playover

- 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.
- 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**

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

#### Please sit to hear

### THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN RECALLED

by Flight Sergeant Molly Henson and Cadet James Hunt of the Air Training Corps



".... so few"

### Please stand to sing

**HYMN** Words from Psalm 46

Tune Dambusters' March (MP 188)

- 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!
- 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!
- 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 for

**THE FIRST READING** Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verses 1 to 12 read by the Acting Deputy Chief Constable, Ms Steph Morgan

### Please stand to sing HYMN

Tune: 'Wareham' (296)

- 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** St Matthew chapter 5 verses I to I0 read by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Jennifer, Lady Gretton

## **ADDRESS** by the Vicar



### Stand to sing HYMN

Tune: 'Binchester' (176)

- Happy are they, they that love God, whose hearts have Christ confest, who by his cross have found their life, and 'neath his yoke their rest.
- 2 Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs, when they together sing; and strong the prayers that bow the ear of heaven's eternal King.
- Christ to their homes giveth his peace, and makes their loves his own: but ah, what tares the evil one hath in his garden sown!
- 4 Sad were our lot, evil this earth, did not its sorrows prove the path whereby the sheep may find the fold of Jesus' love.
- Then shall they know, they that love him, how all their pain is good; and death itself cannot unbind their happy brotherhood.

After which please kneel or sit

### **PRAYERS**

#### Please sit

**ANTHEM** Text: Thucydides (460 – 395 BC) Music: Peter Aston (1938 – )

So they gave their bodies to the Commonwealth and received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men.

Their story lives on without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

At the end of the anthem please stand

#### THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

led by Mr John Gough, Chairman of the Royal Air Force Association, Great Glen

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**

MN Tune: 'Woodlands' (241)

A collection is taken - please be generous to express thanksgiving

- "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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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 Sanctuary to receive back the Colours

Please remain standing

### THE BLESSING

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

- l 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.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC The Royal Air Force March Past – H. Walford Davies

Please remain standing while the Vicar and Churchwardens escort the distinguished visitors to the West Door, preceded by the Colour Party A Parade follows the service

Everyone is welcome to the Service Remembrance here on Sunday, 10 November, at 10.45am