

And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

- 3 God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

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

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING (*Le feuillant en français F*)

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 'Death or Glory' by J B Hall played by the Band
*Please remain standing while the Vicar and Churchwardens escort the
distinguished visitors to the West Door, preceded by the Colour Party*



Welcome to the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester



BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY

20 September 2015, at 10.30 am



**A service of thanksgiving and rededication
to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain
attended by**

HER MAJESTY'S LORD LIEUTENANT OF LEICESTERSHIRE

The Lady Gretton

THE LORD MAYOR OF LEICESTER

Councillor Ted Cassidy MBE

THE CHAIRMAN OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor David Snartt

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Mr Gordon Arthur

THE HIGH BAILIFF

Councillor Maniula Sood

and other distinguished representatives of the City and County

PRESIDENT DE L'AMICALE DES MAIRES

M. Bernard Richard

and other distinguished representatives of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre

The Service conducted by the Vicar, The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

The Enderby Youth Band conducted by Mr Trevor Hounsome

The Choir conducted by Mr Matthew Haynes

The Organ played by Mr Michael Rule

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Tune: 'Hanover'

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

- 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 **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.**
- 4 **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.**
- 5 **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

*The Vicar (in English) and Mrs Margaret Terry (en français) welcome the people,
and introduce the service with:*

THE BIDDING PRAYER (*Le feuillant en français A*) 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.**

Please stand

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

(Le feuillant en français D & E)

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: Hyfrydol

A collection is taken - please be generous to express thanksgiving

- 1 **God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.**
- 2 **God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.**

After which please **kneel or sit**

PRAYERS led by The Vicar and Mrs Margaret Terry

Stand to sing

HYMN Tune *Melita*

- 1 **O ruler of the earth and sky
Be with our airmen when they fly;
And keep them in thy loving care
Amid the perils of the air.
O let our cry come unto thee
For those who fly o'er land and sea.**
- 2 **Strong Son of Man, save those who fly;
Swift winged across the uncharted sky;
Each anxious hour and lonely flight
Serenely challenged day and night.
O'er land and ocean safely bear
All those in peril in the air.**
- 3 **O Holy Spirit, God's own power,
Give peace in sudden danger's hour;
Bring calm of heart and be thou near
To those who watch and those who fear.
To thee will rise the grateful prayer
Of those who serve thee in the air.**
- 4 **O Trinity of love and grace,
True guide of all who fly through space;
In peace or war, mid friend or foe,
Be with them wheresoe'er they go.
So shall our praise with heaven blend
And joyful hearts to thee ascend.**

Please sit

POEM

Our Wall by William Louis Buchanan Walker (1913 – 2012)
Flight Lieutenant in 616 Squadron (Spitfires) 1940 Battle of Britain
read by Mr John Gough, Chairman of RAFA Great Glen Branch
translated by Mrs Margaret Terry

**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 46 Tune: *Dam Busters' March*

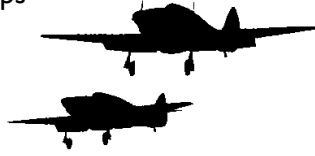
during which the Colours are carried to the Sanctuary and presented there.

- 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 to hear

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN RECALLED (*Le feuillant en français B*)

by Cadet Anna Whitehead & Corporal Danny Morrey
of the Air Training Corps



“... so few”

Please stand to sing

HYMN Tune: *St Anne*

- 1 **O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**
- 2 **Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**
- 5 **O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Please sit for **THE FIRST READING** Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15

Read by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire – Jennifer, Lady Gretton
(*Le feuillant en français C*)

Please stand to sing

HYMN Tune: *Wareham*

- 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** St Matthew 6.25 – 26, 31 – 34.

Read in French by Mrs Margaret Terry

Jesus said 'I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?'

'Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

ADDRESS by the Vicar (*translated by Mrs Margaret Terry*)

ANTHEM Text: Thucydides (431 – 413 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.